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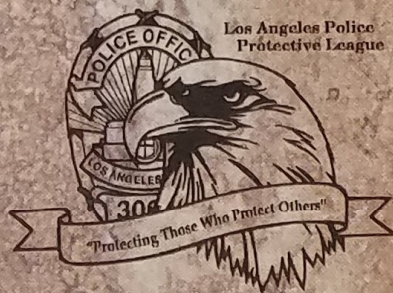
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P RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CLIFF RUFF



As the turmoil and controversy continues to evolve from the O.J. Simpson trial and the Lincoln Heights shooting, honest and conscientious hard-working police officers are still getting criticized and maligned by the media and certain politicians.

The August 18 *Los Angeles Times* article on LAPD states, "Despite well publicized reforms, the LAPD still employs 33 of the 44 officers cited by the Christopher Commission for repeated excessive force complaints between 1986 and 1990. Nineteen of those officers are still assigned to patrol divisions."

Let's analyze the quality of journalism and alleged judicious investigative skills of the "Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department" aka Christopher Commission. The report starts off correctly identifying a major problem with no solutions; "Los Angeles Police were the busiest among the officers in the nation's largest six cities...LAPD has the fewest officers per square mile." Simply stated, today as in 1991, LAPD officers are overworked. Yet your Chief of Police today thinks you don't need more than 40 hours off each year. "The Commission has found that there is a significant number of LAPD officers who repetitively misuse force and persistently ignore the written policies regarding force. The evidence obtained by the Commission shows that this group has received inadequate supervisory and management attention."

In relation to the alleged problem officers, the Commission reported, "Of approximately 1,800 officers against whom an allegation of excessive force or improper tactics was made from 1986 to 1990, more than 1,400 had only one or two allegations. But 183 officers had four or more allegations, 44 had six or more, 16 had eight or more, and one had 16 such allegations. Of nearly 6,000 officers identified as involved in use of force reports from January 1987 to March 1991, more than 4,000 had fewer than five reports each. But 63 officers had 20 or more reports each."

Here is where the grandiose Warren Christopher and his band of leftist attorneys have harmed innocent and hard-working police officers. They have formulated some unknown quantitative formula to identify "problem officers" based on unsubstantiated complaints of misconduct and on the number of in-

policy use-of-force reports completed by those officers. In a country where the principle of justice is that you are innocent until proven guilty, this band of irresponsible lawyers has identified many innocent police officers as being problem officers on the infamous "List of 44."

To further demonstrate the insensitivity and irresponsibility of the Commission, Warren Christopher failed to maintain the confidentiality of the identities of the wrongly identified 44 officers which resulted in their names being published in the *Los Angeles Times* on October 4, 1992. Many of the officers on that list are completely innocent of wrong doing and were unjustly maligned by the Christopher Commission. So the question remains, how can the Christopher attorneys, alleged protectors of the innocent, malign and defame police officers, based merely on allegations and in-policy uses of force? It all goes to the qualities of Warren Christopher as he continues to demonstrate his ineptness in Bosnia as he did in Somalia.

The Protective League does not condone excessive force, brutality, racism, or sexism. We fully understand that rogue cops can devastate morale as well as ruin community and political relations. They also cause the membership's money to be unnecessarily spent on legal representation.

The Protective League does demand that no officer be falsely accused and that the officer gets the full due process protections afforded under the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution. If Warren Christopher and the *Los Angeles Times* had their way, police officers could be fired for mere allegations without the right to hear or cross-examine your accusers. Hence, the sarcasm from the *Times* on August 18, 1995, "The LAPD still employs the 44." Where is responsible journalism?

The Christopher Commission identifies another problem that goes directly to creating alleged problem officers, but the City and the Department do nothing to take accountability or offer disability pensions to alleged problem officers. The report states, "Police work modifies behavior. Many emotional and psychological problems may develop during an officer's tenure

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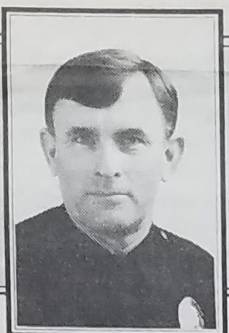
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JUST THE FACTS

BILL HARKNESS



I have set aside the space for my article to allow the publishing of a letter that was sent to the League by Ms. Pollard.

Ms. Pollard has expressed an opinion and some criticism of Sergeant Leonard Ross that I believe warrants little, if any argument.

I would strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to read Ms. Pollard's correspondence and would look forward to hearing from you on it, pro or con.

Dear Sergeant Ross:

If your concern truly was for "African American Police Officers" and not just "yourself" then you would not be demoralizing the job and Department the majority of those African American Police Officers believe in, and are proud of for the outstanding difference they do make in this community, nor would you have been so quick to jump on "Mr. Johnnie's bandwagon of racism" over the Mark Fuhrman controversy! For your own future educational purposes, let me point out to you that the "N" word as defined in Webster's dictionary is not given in relation to African American individuals, but to "any dark-skinned race" and "all the people who feel left out of the political process."

It's hypocritical people such as yourself who encourage the demoralization of the Los Angeles Police Department and drag down the morale of its officers by intentionally demeaning, demoralizing, and exploiting the LAPD and using it for nothing more than your own personal political platform to boost "your very own" self-involved ego! It's blatantly obvious your interests surround "yourself" and have absolutely no bearing on "racism" whatsoever outside of being your own personal crusade to further your own career with the Los Angeles Police Department as you have thus far!

You continuously feed on the media hype to hear your own voice — just as you did when you supported statements made that "The LAPD Protective League was not in touch with the black community because it did not oppose the three strikes mandatory sentencing legislation"; God forbid a law created to better protect and serve a community as a whole should penalize anymore struggling young brothers/"victims" who just might get caught along with the other criminal elements of "all" other races that victimize the rest of us on a daily basis. Street scum comes in all colors, Ser-

geant Ross, and I firmly believe your first and foremost concern should be in "law enforcement issues" and not in intentionally sabotaging the goals the Los Angeles Police Department has set to better protect, serve and communicate with this community! You're paid to enforce the law, not to promote hostile, militant behavior, be it among fellow police officers, or within the community itself, and I very strongly believe that YOU are the perfect example as to why police officers should be promoted within the Department, based on their own individual qualifying merits rather than their skin color whatever it may be!

While you were campaigning to win your presidency of the "Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation" you recruited your votes from African American Police Officers by ignorantly stating they all PUT DOWN THOSE BASKETBALLS FOR A MOMENT AND SUPPORT THE ONLY ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR THEIR FUTURE. Had that statement come from any other non-African American individual it would have immediately been blasted as "racism." What kind of future can any one of these officers have with a hypocritical leader such as yourself who condones and promotes "racism" and "stereotyping" against his own people with his own racial, stereotyping slurs as the one made to receive your winning votes?

"Misery Loves Company," Sergeant Ross, and if you took the cotton out of your ears ("no racial epithets intended" as I am not a racist!), you'd realize that all you're gaining are more "misery minded individuals" for your bandwagon crusade who only want to blame

somebody else and fault the Department because they don't have the self-respect and confidence to make it on their own merits and promote any other way, and "nobody" deserves to get ahead if that's the only way they can! Anybody foolish enough to fall for your distorted sense of reality deserves to be left behind on your bandwagon! You cry "outrage" about racism yet condone and promote it with your own hypocritical racial slurs; you claim the "LAPD Protective League" is a "white man only club," yet you and your bandwagon followers belong to that same "Protective League" utilizing its many benefits because it's for "all" LAPD officers who are "all" of the same equal color! Yes, it is very much illegal to have a white man only club which the Protective League is obviously NOT, but I can't help but wonder how many "non-African American police officers" are allowed in your club whose exclusion to membership is also very much illegal and in violation of their civil rights.

You exploit every opportunity through the media hype to speak on behalf of your own personal agenda — being racism! Well, Mr. Ross, if you're so damn outraged by racism, then why don't you stop promoting it with your own hypocritical, militant attitudes? This is the '90s and we have civil rights laws. Nobody deserves to be criticized or judged on their skin color, or to get ahead because of it either, and nobody deserves respect from another human being unless it's earned with respect in return. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you

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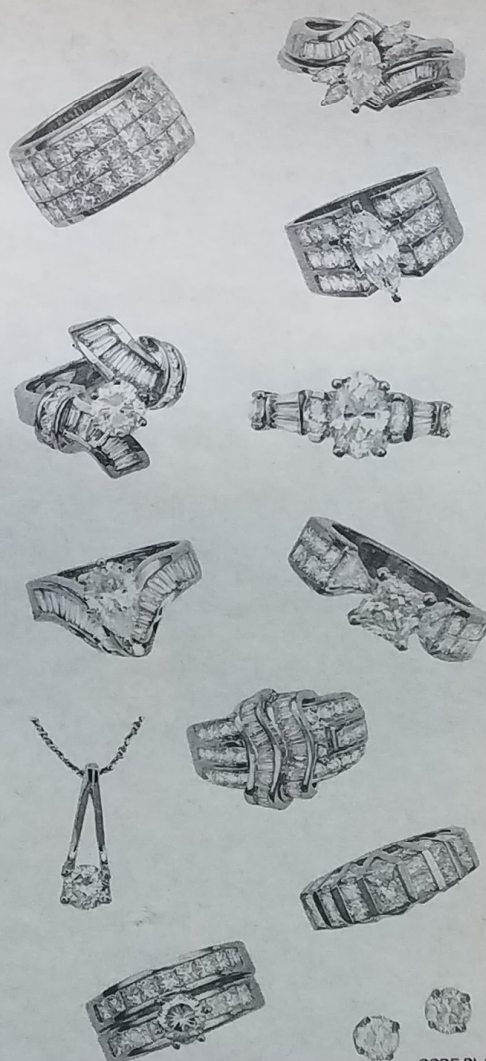
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It was late in the summer of 1992 when several hundred off-duty officers gathered in the sweltering heat of the Academy gymnasium to hear from Willie L. Williams, the newly-appointed Chief of Police. Most of us were quite leery of getting a Chief and General Manager from the East coast, but after the abject failure of the LAPD Management during the 1992 riots, we were willing to give him a fair chance.

The event was an open membership meeting of the Los Angeles Police Protective League — complete with free hot dogs, soda and chips — where Delegates as well as the general membership could meet this man who was lauded as the savior of not just LAPD, but police work in general, and all other things sacred. As time wore on that night, and Mr. Williams failed to show, the crowd began to thin. Finally after a couple of hours waiting, the remaining crowd was provided a brief speech and a rapid departure of Mr. Williams who was on to more important matters.

Wait a minute! More important matters? He came late and left early to a meeting of League Members, the very people who actually make the Department work. Was it a clue as to what is and what is not important to Mr. Williams?

Notwithstanding this introduction, I continued to support the efforts of Mr. Williams to try to restore our Department. I spoke up for him while others derogatorily attacked him as "Willie from Philly." I indirectly worked for him as the Coordinator of the Management and Executive Training for LAPD Managers during the initial transition phase. I really worked hard. I wanted to be PROUD of my Department once again. I believed that what I was doing would help improve LAPD. I supported Mr. Williams.

When I ran for the Board of Directors, I wanted to continue to work with the Williams Administration. I had carefully studied labor-management relationships and seen remarkable successes in such organizations as Saturn Motors, which is a cooperative effort between the United Auto Workers and General Motors. Not only is Saturn a great car, but the UAW workers are paid well and GM is making money on Saturn. It's WIN-WIN all the way. And I believed that we could accomplish the same type of thing at LAPD.

At the beginning of this year, Mr. Williams came under strenuous attack from several outside entities. The Board of Directors made a con-

scious effort to remain neutral. We believed that we had a very good relationship with Mr. Williams and we wanted to keep it that way. To affirm my point, recall the April 1995 edition of the *Blue Line*, where we published an article by Mr. Williams outlining his accomplishments. In that same edition, I wrote an article defending Mr. Williams. Let's face it, you don't let your enemy — and we did not consider Williams an enemy — write an article in your magazine, where he toots his own horn. In other words, we were on good terms with Mr. Williams and we proved it by letting him write an article in the *Blue Line*. We were trying to get along and make progress.

What happened next, I simply don't understand. Suddenly, Mr. Williams hunkered down in a closed-off-defensive-mode, refusing to meet with us, refusing to communicate with us, and actively executing counterproductive measures against the best interests of this membership. It really hurt my "little Teddy feelings." I mean, I had extended my hand of friendship as well as my efforts of support and help. I liked Mr. Williams. I thought he was a nice guy. I wanted him to succeed, not just for himself, but for this Department. And I backed up my concerns with my actions. The next thing I know, we are all treated like ----. It makes me genuinely sad. What happened to cause such a marked and dramatic change? Has Rasputin been reincarnated and assigned to the 6th floor?

We can't communicate with the man. Any Boardmember can talk to the Lieutenant Governor or the Governor with just one phone call. It takes two calls and we can get through to the President. But we cannot communicate with Willie L. Williams. One of the most powerful council members even tried and failed to convince Mr. Williams to re-open dialogue with your Board. What the heck is wrong with an organization where the appointed manager (Williams) will not talk to the elected leadership (The Board of Directors)? Hopefully, someone on the 6th floor bunker can pass along this secret little note.

Dear Mr. Williams:

You are getting untrue and incorrect information about this Board of Directors. You are getting some extremely bad advice from your counselors and advisors. Someone you trust is either lying to you or just giving you bad, BAD advice. You listen to the wrong people and I believe it will mean your demise at LAPD. Perhaps *Buzz Magazine* put it best, you have wasted the public mandate and good will.

Sincerely,
Ted Hunt

Response to the KNX Editorial of Monday, July 31, 1995

by Ted Hunt

KNX believes that the use of a caricature on the front of our in-house police association newspaper, which portrayed Willie Williams as pinocchio, was unprofessional. The use of a caricature is employed widely in the most urbane and sophisticated magazines in the world, such as *The New Yorker*. In each and every newspaper in America - every day - you will find the use of a caricature on the editorial page. The August 1995 edition of the upscale *Buzz Magazine*, features a caricature of Mr. Williams. It depicts his slowness to move and his foolish waste of the public mandate and goodwill.

This is not personal. Willie Williams is a likeable man. The purpose of the Williams caricature was to provoke change - to change the counterproductive and non-communicative policies of a management system - which Mr. Williams heads - that is harming the working officers and the communities we serve.

KNX also stated that the League newspaper should plead with Williams to make a statement. We are not going to beg just to speak to the boss. Besides, we have made numerous straight forward requests. All of the articles in our newspaper were straight forward requests. On June 22, 1995 we held a press conference, which KNX reported on, and asked the Chief to make this issue public. Rick Hernandez, the former President of the Police Commission asked Williams to make the issue public. We have repeatedly asked and he has repeatedly refused to respond.

Mr. Williams has cut off all communication with the rank-and-file association and the command officers association. We have called his office, we have written him letters and we have gone through intermediaries to try to communicate with him. He simply refuses to communicate with his employee organization. We have sent an example of one of our articles to the major Los Angeles newspapers. Hopefully, they will publish the Op Ed piece and you can see for yourself.

The caricature of Willie Williams in our newspaper was meant for the internal use of our union membership. We did not make it to be made public. A very astute news reporter scooped the story. This is done for the pride of the organization.

I personally don't believe in degrading, insulting and childish rhetoric. Petty name calling and the immature casting of aspersions are of no value. The use of a caricature is a competent, cosmopolitan and universal way in which qualified professionals drive social and political change.

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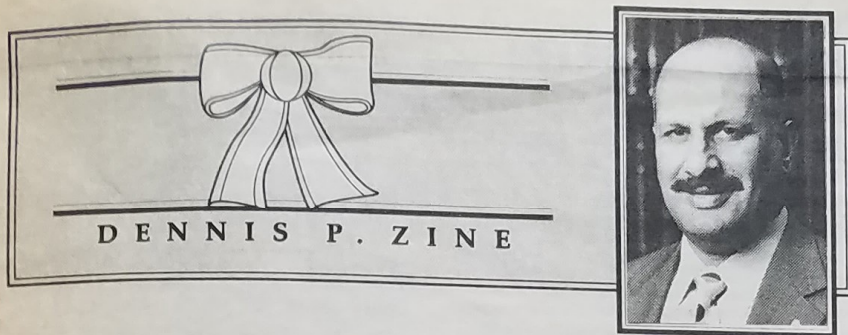


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The Beating of LAPD Officers Continues

The beating of the Los Angeles Police Department and its thousands of dedicated sworn and civilian members doesn't seem to ever end. Daily we read in the *Los Angeles Times* and the other liberal publications of our City the continuing smashing and bashing of the organization we have all tried our best to defend and work for in the most trying and contemptuous times. Why is it that those pernicious individuals who criticize our tactics, question our objectives, and continually taunt us receive the support of those who say they support law and order? Why is it that the so-called silent majority remains dormant as each and every one of you either counts your days to retirement or frequently checks other law enforcement career opportunities in California and across the nation?

Since the ACLU has appointed itself as the so-called premier authority to examine and question every aspect of our profession and our Department, and maintain those precious civil liberties for the lawless barbarian members of our society, they have created yet another controversy. This time the subject is the use of nonlethal force. You may recall that it was the ACLU, in March 1994, that published a residency report on the sworn members of the Department which fizzled and failed to cause a change in your long-standing freedom to choose the community of your residency. The ACLU has also published reports on our K-9 program, our citizen complaint procedures, racial and gender integration in Southern California police and fire departments, and "Civil Liberties in Crisis; Los Angeles During Emergencies and a Magic Bullet Under Scrutiny." This was a previous report on oleoresin capicum, better known as O.C. spray. It is the impractical and nefarious ACLU that consistently questions our policies, training, field tactics, and our use-of-force policies and weapons. After the bar arm control hold was abandoned and replaced by the P.R. 24 to use to defend you and the public against combative suspects, neither the ACLU nor the Los Angeles fragmented community provided support to Sergeant Stacey Koon, Officer Larry Powell, or Officer Tim Wind after the notorious criminal Rodney G. King (\$3.8 million dollars richer) was struck with the City-issued P.R. 24 and placed under arrest. After all this, you would think that the ACLU has done enough harm to us and would move on to continue their vicious attacks and try to tear down and destroy another law enforcement agency. Well, they've done it again. The ACLU and their annoying, haggard Ramona Ripston, who believes that all criminals are just misdirected victims of society who can do no wrong, is on a new crusade. The ACLU recently published a report

on the use of oleoresin capicum (O.C. spray) titled, "Pepper Spray Update. More Fatalities, More Questions." This 46-page report contains the names and other information on 26 suspects who died between January 1, 1993 and June 1, 1995, after being sprayed with O.C. The report lists the Departments using the spray when the death occurred. I was surprised to find that the LAPD was only responsible for using the spray on three of the 26 suspects who died. The other Departments included: the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Long Beach Police, Orange County Sheriffs Department, Antioch Police, Huntington Beach Police, Santa Barbara Police, Ontario Police, Placer County Sheriffs Department, San Diego County Sheriffs Department, Sacramento County Sheriffs Department, Solano County Sheriffs Department, Napa County Sheriffs Department, Madera Police, Fresno Police, San Bernardino Police, San Diego Police, El Centro Police, San Jose Police, and the Tulare Police.

The ACLU media release reads in bold type, "ACLU of Southern California Report Reveals Pepper Spray Linked to 26 Deaths; Hazards Known, Safety Unenforced." The latest ACLU attack on the use of O.C. is just the latest tactic by this group of lugubrious egotists who would prefer anarchy over our current system of government.

The message is simple. If you don't wish to offend the ACLU or any of their loyal liberal supporters, follow these rules: Don't use your P.R. 24; Don't use your O.C. spray; Don't use your gun; Don't get involved in altercations; Don't get involved in a pursuit; Don't respond to 911 calls. Just remember those safe and secure words. Don't! Don't! Don't!

Now I will be serious. We all want to do the right thing and help those who are in need. The message is: Be careful and watch out for those who are out to get you and receive a big cash settlement from the City of Los Angeles. If you compare the Los Angeles City "lottery" to the California lottery, you will find that your chances are much greater if you sue the City of Los Angeles for a false arrest or police misconduct. Your chances of winning the State lottery are much smaller when you compare the odds. The City of Los Angeles paid out \$62,928,797 dollars in LAPD liability claims since 1990. This is absurd!

Police Officer II Mike Falvo is the Latest Victim of Los Angeles Finger Pointers

It was Saturday, July 29, 1995, at 2225 hours, when I received the 911 page to call DHD. Since I was the on-call Director, I imagined the worst and quickly discovered that I was right. A uniformed Hollenbeck CRASH officer was involved in an officer-involved shooting and the suspect was dead. I immediately dropped off my two sons who were

spending the weekend with me. Like many of you, I am divorced and am fortunate if I can spend any weekend with my two teenage sons.

I responded to Hollenbeck station and met with League Attorney Darryl Mounger who briefed me on the shooting. A veteran Hollenbeck officer assigned to CRASH rolled on a "man with a gun" 911 radio call along with other CRASH units. Upon arrival at the location, the officers immediately observed a male walking with a gun in his hand. As the officers were exiting from their vehicles in full uniform, the suspect pointed the gun at Officer Michael Falvo. Officer Falvo, a 13-year LAPD veteran, fired his 9mm six times in this life-threatening situation. The suspect was struck four times and fell to the ground. The suspect's gun, a fully-loaded 9mm Tech 9, was recovered and the investigation began. You would think that this would be a simple investigation and that the loud-mouth activists would not question the use of deadly force when a uniformed police officer is faced with an armed suspect. Well, this shooting resulted in two evenings of civil unrest and an outcry from the anti-police groups of East Los Angeles. The rabble rousers are questioning why the suspect, a 14-year-old known gang member was shot. The allegations of planted evidence suddenly surfaced along with all sorts of anti-police statements. It only took the Chief of Police six days to make a public statement to the media. For the record, the Chief was out of town on vacation.

While the Department, Police Commission, City Council, District Attorney, Coroner, F.B.I., and media all conduct their independent reviews and investigations, Officer Falvo waits and continues to be the latest scapegoat for a failed educational system, a failed social service system, and failed parents. It is not Officer Falvo's fault that the 14-year-old gang member chose to draw a loaded gun on a uniformed Los Angeles Police Officer. As the political spineless elected officials and other social reformists of Los Angeles call for Officer Falvo's head to be delivered on a platter, the Los Angeles Police Protective League will stand by Officer Falvo until the end. I have personally kept in daily communication with Officer Falvo and will continue to do so. I have appeared on numerous news and media programs to discuss the shooting and to defend Officer Falvo's actions. Please keep Officer Falvo in your prayers and thoughts. Any one of you could be in his shoes.

City Hall

City Council President John Ferraro recently named new Council Committees. We are very pleased that Laura Chick is now the Chair of the very important Public Safety Committee. Laura is joined by new Councilmember Mike Feuer and veteran Councilmember Nate Holden. We look forward to a very strong and pro-police Public Safety Committee. We are equally pleased that Councilmember Marvin Braude has been removed from the Public Safety Committee and

placed in charge of the Waste Management and Environmental Quality Committee. Since Marvin Braude attempted to unseat Council President John Ferraro from the Presidency and lost, it seems appropriate that he end up in the trash.

Our good friend, Councilman Richard Alatorre, remains the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilman Alatorre is joined on this important Committee by Councilman Mike Feuer and Councilwoman Rita Walters. I know that we will have the support of at least two of the Committee members.

Where's Chief Willie Williams? Now worth \$400.00

I have extended the "Where's Chief Willie Williams?" contest another month. I only received four entries. I encourage you to sit down and write something (100 words or less) about our Chief. You can win money. Big money. The award has been increased from \$75 to a total of \$400. Some very kind Valley businessman sent me a check for \$325 to add to the \$75 award. The awards are as follows: 1st place, \$150; 2nd place, \$125; 3rd place, \$75; 4th place, \$50. The following entry was sent anonymously, which means no award. The answers are, however, interesting:

WHERE IS THE CHIEF??

In response to this question, an anonymous author came up with these 10 possibilities:

- No. 10: Shooting craps at Caesar's Palace
- No. 9: Watching his wife play the slots in Vegas hoping for a comp at the buffet
- No. 8: Trying to build a POP spot in a Laughlin Casino
- No. 7: Buffet line at any Las Vegas hotel
- No. 6: At plastic surgeon's office for rhinoplasty consultation
- No. 5: At P.A.B looking for his office
- No. 4: Standing in his bedroom archway awaiting the next earthquake
- No. 3: Anywhere L.A. Cops are not
- No. 2: At the tailors having his pants let out
- No. 1: WHO CARES!!!

I guess we can all understand why this was submitted by an anonymous officer.

Dates to Remember

- 1) Enjoy Labor Day on September 4th. You have all labored too hard for too long.
- 2) For all you Harley Davidson riders who support the world's largest motorcycle fundraising event, stand by for "Love Ride #12" This year's Love Ride is set for Sunday, November 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 50-mile ride to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will begin in Glendale and conclude at Castaic Lake. Since I am a Harley man, I hope to see you there. *

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GARY FULLERTON



Have you ever noticed how arbitrary our system of discipline is within the LAPD? It seems that it is based on the "Catch 22" syndrome in which you are damned if you do, and damned if you don't.

Take, for example, the fate of a Van Nuys Training Officer who used poor judgment in disagreeing with his Commanding Officer. The Commanding Officer held a Senior Lead Officer meeting to discuss his Area's response time to radio calls. The Commanding Officer was unhappy with their time and wanted his officers to do "whatever it took" to decrease their response time. This basically entailed responding "Code 2 1/2" and activating the "at scene" button as early as possible. The training officer thought this over and came to the conclusion that it was not only against Department policy to do such things, but also jeopardized the safety of the officers and the public in general. The officer voiced his concerns and, after much discussion, advised his Commanding Officer that he would not violate the law or Department policy for the purpose of lowering the Division's response time. The Commanding Officer responded, "Well, if you can't do this, then perhaps you shouldn't be a training officer." Lo and behold, soon after that, this previously outstanding and problem-free officer began receiving "Notices to Correct Deficiencies," and substandard rating reports that documented inconsequential problems or situations that were misconstrued by his supervisors. Ultimately, this officer

was demoted to P-II based upon the "problems" this officer exhibited since he confronted his Commanding Officer. What a coincidence!

Then you have the officer who is the renowned "hard charger." He responds to calls as fast as possible and tries his very best to improve his Division's response time. But "busting" red lights and speeding as the Commanding Officer wants him to can only lead to one eventual conclusion — a traffic accident. What happens when this officer has an accident because of his aggressive driving habits? That's right, he gets days off for irresponsible driving.

Which way does the Department want it? Do they want safe, legal driving, or do they want aggressive, fast response driving that ultimately leads to accidents? We don't mind either policy. But we do mind a Department that has both policies that places our officers in the "Catch 22" situation of being liable no matter what they do.

Most people within our Department concentrate on money and benefits. They judge our predicament on what the City gives us. But I concentrate more on how we are treated and how we, as employees, are respected. For the last few years, we have been treated like Rodney Dangerfield — we don't get any respect. This is exemplified by most of the policies that come out of Willie's office. The 40-hour comp time limit was a disaster, and it is my understanding that it will be changed soon. This is just one ex-

ample of the lack of apparent concern for the rank-and-file officer.

What really concerns me is the tremendous negativity that comes from our entire system. It is clear that our disciplinary system is incestuous and archaic. Every step of this so-called "due process" procedure is carried out by individuals who directly answer to the Chief of Police. The Chief is the final decision-maker in regards to discipline. There is no independent review of the Chief's actions, no matter how arbitrary, short of the time consuming and expensive process of seeking a writ of mandamus in Superior Court. No — what really bothers me is the arbitrary and thoughtless way in which rank-and-file officers are treated. Take for example an officer who was subpoenaed to testify in an out-of-state case in which he had been a Detective for an out-of-state police department. His travel, room and board were paid for by the other state; only his duty status was to be picked up by our Department. No problem, right? We have a duty to cooperate with other agencies and have a duty to testify, right? Wrong! After the officer cleared the trip with his supervisors and advised them that he was going to testify and assist the local police with its investigation and service of search warrants, he went and carried out his duties. Well, unfortunately, Fiscal Operations has refused to pay for these days because it didn't directly benefit the City of Los Angeles. After much debate, they relented and agreed to pay one day for his court testimony, but refused to pay for the two days spent in assisting the other agency in its investigation. This, despite the fact that since the case was over nine years old, no one except this officer had any personal knowledge of the case so as to execute the search warrant affidavit. We have been forced to file a grievance on this officer's behalf to recoup his deducted pay. Whatever happened to "attention to duty," "police working with police," and any semblance of cooperation with others?

Another example recently arose when a 25-year officer with a perfect disciplinary record was discovered to have not renewed a work permit for outside employment. This officer had already announced his retirement. In fact, when he was interviewed on this complaint he was one day away from retirement. And the Department plans on doing the entire adjudication and resolution to the complaint. This process, which will blemish an otherwise unblemished record, is being done because of an inadvertent failure to renew an otherwise valid and approved permit. Can you believe that the Department would do

such a thing? Such a petty act of bureaucratic nonsense will leave a bad taste in the mouth of an outstanding employee of 25 years, never mind the waste of time and manpower.

Stand-by Overtime

An issue that will be coming up soon will be the issue of stand-by comp time for weekdays. It is the League's position that if an officer must stay available and be able to respond in a short period of time in a non-intoxicated state, then he must be compensated by the Department. Historically, the Department has been able to get away with not paying weekday stand-by time by putting leverage on the officer to voluntarily comply. If you worked a Divisional Homicide Unit, you'd better volunteer or else you wouldn't be working Homicide for long. But nowadays, working Homicide is not all it was traditionally cracked up to be, and many Homicide Units have trouble getting qualified personnel to work these positions. After all, who wants to be on call all the time, work long, tedious hours, and get little or nothing in return?

Some Units of our Department already get weekday standby time, such as the Bomb Squad, SWAT, and K-9 Units. The reason others don't is because they have failed to do what is necessary to make the Department comply. What is necessary is for everyone to refuse to be on call without compensation. Those currently in such assignments should turn off your pagers after work and turn on your answering machines. You are not required to be home or respond to messages unless you happen to come home and get the message. For those of you who are not working an assignment requiring weekday on-call status, you should support the others by not volunteering to work the assignment with weekday on call. If everyone cooperates, the Department will be forced to provide us all with what is legal and proper — compensation for your time dedicated to your assignment. I realize this may be a difficult thing to do, but the Department will not willingly give you a benefit or compensation unless they have to.

Be careful out there. Recent cases, such as the \$16 million judgment against the LASO, and the furor over the Mike Falvo shooting, makes your job much more difficult. I'm amazed anyone still works out there. But do a good job and make sure you go home at night.

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Well, if you are under the Article 35 pension system as I am, then this is what we face in our future. Many of our co-workers have decided, due to the poor working conditions, substandard salary, and an unreliable pension, to leave our Department for other police departments that offer better working conditions and secure financial packages. Not only that, but if they go to these other departments, they can live in a better neighborhood, closer to work, and have a smaller mortgage.

Who can blame them? Bottom line is we need to be able to support our families. We also need to work in a positive and constructive environment in order to perform our duties effectively on a daily basis. Now I can't do much about the neighborhood surrounding Los Angeles, nor can I do anything about the cost of living. But as your new Director, I can work on the areas surrounding our contract and, for you officers who, like me, are under the Article 35 pension, one of my goals is to achieve a change in our pension system.

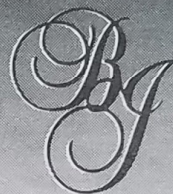
Fortunately, the City recognizes that there is an attrition problem within our Department and the largest group of officers leaving have been on the Department between two and ten years. One of the avenues the City is looking at in order to curb attrition is a change in our pension. There is a feeling that the City could entice officers to stay with our Department by offering a better pension. We need to take this opportunity now and make an effort to get the changes we need to make our pension something we can rely on when we retire.

Some of the areas that I would like to see changed in our pension are:

1. A 20-years-and-out clause. Many of our officers join the Department at age 21. They should not have to wait nine years to collect a pension after 20 years of service.
2. An increase in our cost-of-living cap. If not fully fluctuating, similar to that of Article 18, then at least increase our 3% cap.
3. If an officer retires honorably after 20 years, he/she should be able to retire with their police ID and weapon.

There are many other areas in our pension that need work, however, these three areas listed above I consider basic considerations for employees who have given their company 20 years of service. This is what we deserve. This is what I will be working on. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Pension Committee Chairman Lenny Muñoz, Lieutenant Jim Cansler, and all the Committee members for all the hard work they have already done in this area. I am looking forward to working with you.

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I'M HERE TO WORK!

LENNY MUÑOZ



Hats Off to the Golden State Peace Officers Association

An event of historical significance is scheduled for the week of September 5-8, 1995, in Los Angeles, California. The Second International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Criminal Justice Professionals, entitled, "Moving Forward with Pride," is jointly sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Golden State Peace Officers Association. This is the first time in our nation's history that any police agency has ever sponsored an entire symposium dedicated to law enforcement issues affecting lesbians and gay men. Fittingly, this year's conference also marks the 10th anniversary of the Golden State Peace Officers Association, formerly known in Southern California as "Pride Behind the Badge."

Hundreds of law enforcement officers from all over the world are expected at this year's gathering. The conference will kick off with a gala Los Angeles welcome reception on September 5, 1995, supported by Mayor Richard Riordan, together with the Los

Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. Police Commissioner Art Mattox and Police Chief Willie L. Williams will give opening remarks at this event.

The guests will then be free to hit all of the local tourist spots as well as to visit all LAPD Community Police Stations, both of our police training facilities, the Police Communication Center, the Police Administration Building (a.k.a. Parker Center), and the LAPD Historical Museum. On September 7, 1995, the venue will change to Palm Springs with a reception party to start things off. September 8th will include a full schedule of workshops, panels, and social activities. The weekend will continue with learning and networking with our colleagues from around the world and conclude Sunday afternoon.

I encourage all members of the Los Angeles Police Protective League and the Los Angeles Police Department to cooperate and participate in making this conference a success. Lesbians and gay men of this Department are dedicated to once again making the LAPD number one. They include Medal of Valor winners and many

who have shed their blood, sweat, and tears for the citizens of Los Angeles. They walked with us during "Blue Thunder," and exercised their right to sick time during the so-called "Blue Flu." They supported us. We should support them in their efforts for a successful conference.

Welcome and good luck to all of our brother and sister police officers, deputy sheriffs, and prosecutors who are attending the Second International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Criminal Justice Professionals.

L.A.P.D. vs. L.A.S.O. — The "Friendly" Rivalry

November 3, 1995, will see the two best police departments in the country resume their endless competition. From the old Death Valley relays to the present-day Baker-to-Vegas relay, through the endless Police Summer Games, and the various 10K relays and triathlons, L.A.P.D. vs. L.A.S.O. has always featured good sportsmanship, great camaraderie, and outstanding athletic performance from both sides. The Second Annual City of Hope "Fight for Lives" promises to be no different. Pugilists from both sides will be giving their all, not only for their respective teams, but also for cancer patients who rely on the care and research performed by the dedicated staff and scientists at the City of Hope in Duarte, California. Come out to the Grand Olympic Auditorium where legends have been made for over 60 years, and cheer for your favorites. Cops from throughout Southern California will fill the stands and share that rare bond that exists only amongst police officers. And, attention all retirees! This is a perfect time to renew old friendships and relive old escapades from the past. See you there. November 3, 1995. Grand Olympic Auditorium. The Second Annual Fight for Lives to Benefit the City of Hope.

Farewell and Semper Fidelis

Mike Clark was what a lot of us aspire to be. A good cop and a good

marine who loved his community. But more importantly, Mike was a great husband, father, brother, and son, devoted to the family he loved. He gave his life protecting the community from a deranged gun man who routinely terrorized the neighborhood where he resided. His beloved Jennifer is now left alone to raise five-month-old Bailey. I spoke to Mike's dad at the cemetery. He said Mike loved being a cop and enjoyed his time with the Simi Valley Police Department, but it was obvious to him that Mike left a little bit of his heart with the L.A.P.D. Mike, a little bit of our collective hearts goes with you. You died valiantly, protecting your community. Semper fi!

Hail to the Chief

I saw Chief Williams at the funeral services for Officer Clark and I, for one, was very pleased and gratified. Chief, you may never realize how much the L.A.P.D. family needs and appreciates your presence and leadership at times like this. You got some bad advice during the first half of your term and, as everyone knows, it has strained your relationship with a lot of the rank and file. But it's not too late to turn this ship around. I see good days ahead if you do the right thing(s). A lot of us are willing to follow, if you're ready to lead. I think the infamous editorial caricature has served its purpose by getting everyone's attention, both pro and con. Now it's time for everybody to roll up our sleeves and work together for the good of the Department and the community it serves. Let's move forward.

The Hollenbeck Shooting

Loss of life is always tragic, but more so when that life has only reached age 14. I truly feel sorry for the family of Antonio Gutierrez, but they should understand the Los Angeles Police Department did not make this young man into a full-blown gang mem-

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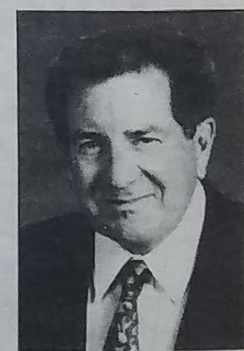
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ber. Where was his family when this nice young kid was transforming into a full-fledged gang member? Young Antonio was not shot because he was Mexican. He was not shot because he was a gangster. This young human being lost his life because he pointed a gun at another human being and, by doing so, threatened his life. This victim of Antonio's deadly action happened to be a police officer who was called to the scene by a terrorized neighborhood resident who was fearful for his community. The police officer entered this scenario because he is sworn to protect and to serve. The police officer also wants to go home to his family after each work shift. He has a responsibility to protect himself and the community from out-of-control gangsters. Although no one deserves to die, young Antonio must bear responsibility for his actions. He chose the gang culture and allowed himself to be used by the older and more street-wise "cholos" by carrying their guns because his age gave him certain legal protections and shielded his users. His gang member friends must share the responsibility for his demise. And where was his family? Do parents just allow their kids to become gangsters?

Come on, folks. Let's get real. I grew up in the Boyle Heights section of East Los Angeles, and I've been a cop for 26 years. I know from personal experience that the vast majority of people in the greater East Los Angeles area are hard working, God fearing, and law abiding. But there is always

that 10 percent who choose to live outside the norm. Our prisons are full of such people. Our brother officer, who easily could have been killed, deserves and is entitled to the support of this Department and the residents of Los Angeles. Thanks to the dedication and actions of this officer, no other innocent community members were killed or injured.

Farewell, Lieutenant Violano

Fellow Director and good friend Rik Violano has announced his retirement from the Department and his resignation from the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League. He has been a good friend to me during my short time on the Board. I have always admired Rik since he was one of my physical training and self-defense instructors during my recruit training way back in 1969. Rik was instrumental in teaching me the basics of officer safety, honesty, and integrity, and to always back your partners when they are right. His office is next to mine and I will miss him. I especially will miss the courtesy he extended when he laughed at my feeble attempts at humor.

A Change of Direction

Last May I informed the membership that I would soon accept a promotion to the Detective rank. At the time, I looked forward to accepting the challenge of Detective work. Since then, several things have happened in my private and professional life that has caused me to reconsider. After

weighing the advice of friends and family, I have decided to remain true to the membership of the LAPPL by completing the term I was elected to and doing the job I was entrusted with. I apologize to those I may have inconvenienced, but promise to continue working hard for you. With the aforementioned retirement of Lieutenant Violano, the upcoming Board election will be for the Lieutenant's seat, the Sergeant/Detective seat currently held by President Cliff

Ruff, and, of course, Mitzi Grasso will be seeking reelection to the Police Officer position. This will be a very important election. Make your votes count.

As I sign off this month, I want to thank Rik Violano again. Thanks for those long-ago lessons on heart and courage. Coming from a Medal of Valor winner, your words meant a lot. Good luck to you and stay in touch.

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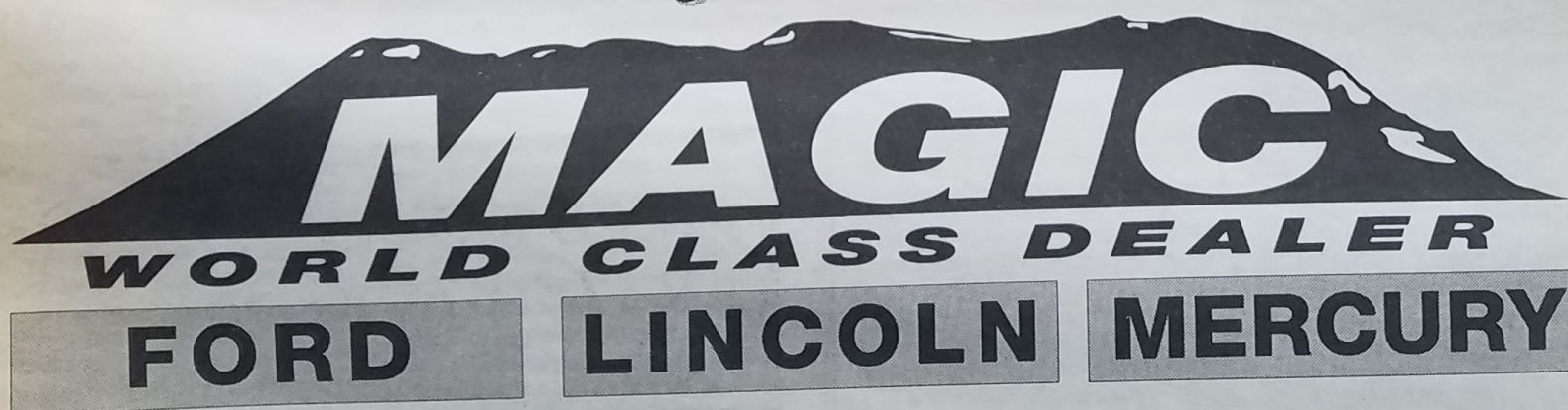
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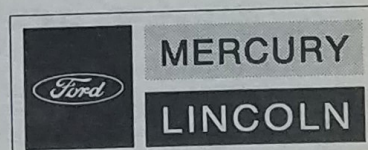


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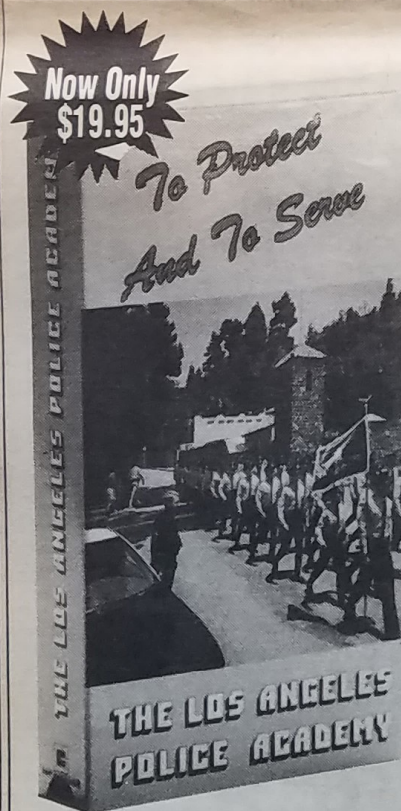
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on the force. Officers may enter the force well suited psychologically for the job, but may suffer from burn out, alcohol-related problems, cynicism, or disenchantment." One has to wonder if the Mayor or our brilliant chief has ever read the Christopher report. Burn out and disenchantment were problems in 1991, and the Chief thinks that restricting time off to 40 hours a year is a good thing. We have major morale problems and the Chief's ideas for solutions are holding someone accountable for letting poor Mike Falvo work in the field. How many of the remaining 33 officers from the list of 44 will be required to endure a BSS visit or management inquisitions to determine their suitability for field assignments?

The message from the City Council, the Chief of Police, the Police Commission, and the *Los Angeles Times* is: Don't do anything. Don't use force. Don't shoot. Smile. Wave. Do the dog-and-pony show. If you do proactive police work and put gang-bangers and criminals in jail, you'll be subject to false misconduct complaints, use-of-force reports, lawsuits, and a trip to the head shrinker. Do you think management will back you up? Don't count on it. Look how long it took Willie to wait to see which way the wind was blowing before he publicly said, "The initial investigation tends to support the officer's version." The brass won't support you unless it's politically correct.

Mike Falvo's shooting is clean and fully lawful. Falvo is a good street cop, but LAPD doesn't want good street cops. They want people who don't get on problem officers lists, people who don't use force, people who don't shoot, people who are politically correct. They don't pay you to get shot. Councilman Mike Hernandez would have you believe that the deceased vato was the barrio's latest Rhodes scholar. One has to wonder about Mike Hernandez' priorities in his District. The honest, hard-working families in Lincoln Heights are prisoners in their homes because of the predators and the gangs. The citizens want peace with a gun-free, violence-free environment. Since vatos and criminals don't vote, why does Hernandez fail to address the crime problems of his law-abiding constituency? Mike Falvo is a hero who saved his partner's life as well as his own in the face of an armed assault by a gang member. Do you think our great Chief will nominate him for the Medal of Valor for his ability to display courage and presence of mind in a crisis? Don't count on it. Mike Falvo is on the List of 44 and prestigious accolades aren't politically correct for heroes on that list.

I will make a prediction about Mike Falvo. His shooting will be ruled in policy. And, for having done absolutely nothing wrong, he will be removed from the field and placed somewhere that he'll have minimal public contact. He'll also never receive a civil service promotion. This is how management will support an officer who has done nothing wrong.

This is the flaw of the Christopher Commission, LAPD management, and the Police Commission. They have designed a computer system, OBITS/TEAMS, that identifies problem officers through a quantitative system

based on mere allegations and the number of uses of force, number of lawsuits, and number of traffic collisions you have. A police officer can be identified as a problem officer in this computer when, in fact, that officer may have never done anything wrong or out of policy. How can you stay out of OBITS and promote on his job? It's easy. Do nothing except smile and wave at the public. The public is the victim. The *Los Angeles Times* and the leftist element of the City power structure want a police force that does not use any physical force. They would rather prosecute Mike Falvo for shooting an armed vato than give any relief to families of the 800 murder victims each year in this City. The criminals are literally taking over and they're better armed than the police. Yet, the media and the politicians feel compelled to continually chastise the police. Yet, these same brain surgeons are wondering why LAPD has an attrition problem.

The Police Commission has taken a progressive and positive step in allowing the League to have input and participation in drafting reforms to the recommendations of the Christopher Commission. The League has nominated an officer for each of the five task forces impanelled:

1. Use of Force Task Force
Sergeant Charles Duke
2. Cultural Awareness Task Force
Officer Lenny Muñoz
3. Community Policing Task Force
Sergeant Dominic Licavoli
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Officer Mitzi Grasso
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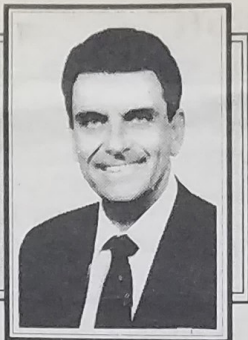
The League sincerely hopes that we can work together with the Department and the Police Commission to develop systems that are qualitative in identifying officers who need to be monitored and to have safeguards to protect totally innocent officers from being falsely accused of being problem officers. It is not an easy task. In light of the Mark Fuhrman tapes and the valid police misconduct identified by Christopher, we all have to work together in building a positive image and to gain the public's confidence and support. And that means the *Los Angeles Times* has a responsibility in not condemning 8,000 good cops based on the wrongdoing of very few. We're here to do good things and protect people. We're not the Gestapo and we're not sadists. We need support and leadership, of which we get very little.

We as police officers have a responsibility to be professional and courteous in the total absence of excessive force, racism, and sexism. City Hall, the Police Commission, and management have a responsibility to be supportive, both financially and morally, and to provide competent leadership that instills an environment conducive to improved morale. The media has a responsibility to accurately report the truth without condemning all for the acts of a few.

Be careful out there. Think survival and always watch their hands. Be safe and never, ever think you have to let the suspect get the first round off before you can protect yourself.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

RIK VIOLANO, M. S.



As you may notice my byline has changed this month. It's the title of the sign-off song that comedian Bob Hope sang at the end of his television show (that really dates me). It accurately expresses my feelings at this the end of my career with the Department and the League. It's been thirty, at times very long and at other times very fleeting, years of service. I have had what I consider a very challenging, rewarding and fulfilling career. There is no single watershed incident that has prompted me to retire. God knows that there have been enough of those had I let them affect me.

Certainly I've had my ups and downs, victories and losses and long years of routine in between. I have no animosities toward the Department, its policies, procedures or politics. I've talked to too many retired officers who told me the anger and bad memories fade and only the good and funny times come to mind. I believe them. I hope so. One thing I know for certain is this Department operates on crisis, personal and city-wide, and controversy. I think that is the unfortunate lot of our occupation. Despite what some in the media may say, they respect us. All too many of our detractors are really just envious of us. The vast majority truly respect and support us. It's just that cops tend to be honest conscientious people who sometimes wrongly operate under the premise that everyone else is. Most people are, but there are some people who are in positions of control and influence who don't. My advice to all those who are still in their careers is to do the job and try to disregard the negative folks. I've found that they're generally miserable in their own lives and therefore want to spread it around.

I have enjoyed serving as one of your Directors here at the League. I've served on two separate Boards of Directors. Perhaps the highlight was getting the present contract. Let me assure you that was an ordeal for all the Directors. We had differing points of view, arguments (hey, we're cops) and controversy. But, by god we

got one! It didn't make everyone happy, but it was the best that we could do without resorting to dirty tactics that we would have ultimately regretted. Soon you'll have another contract to negotiate. My best advice is to get involved and support your Board of Directors. Your present Board of Directors is a very dedicated, perhaps at times too hard working, group of cops who have your best interests at heart. If they didn't, I'd say so.

I look at the Department today and I see a very different organization than the one I joined. Certainly, it is more ethnically diverse, hyper-sensitive on "politically correct" issues and less aggressive. Is it a better organization? The jury is still out on the answer to that. I will share a quick story with you on that topic. At my class graduation party in 1965 I had the honor of being my class President and sitting with Deputy Chief Nowell McQuown (deceased). He was sitting in for the then Chief of Police, William H. Parker. After a couple of toddies and loosening up a bit, the Chief and I had a conversation about my recruit class. He said they had to really bend the rules and standards to get enough men (they were all males in those days) for a full 125 man class. He said some of us would never have made it when he became a cop. That always stuck with me. I don't think any of us thinks our successors are as good as we were. That's why I see hope for the Department. Certainly I don't agree with some of the changes I've seen, but when I talk one-on-one to today's cops, I realize that what now retired Chief Mike Lanzarone said still holds true today, "Cops are Beautiful."

My advice to you is to support your League, take care of your partner and maintain the high traditions of the Department. You will never forget. And yes, "Thanks For the Memories."

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Over the last month, we've received numerous calls from our members. It occurs to me that not many happy people call their union offices. The three hottest topics of concern were the caricature of Chief Williams; the Chief's untimely and ill-conceived 40-hour, once annually, cap on accumulated overtime policy; the Lincoln Heights shooting story and the Mark Fuhrman tapes.

As for the caricature, there wasn't much middle ground. You either loved it or you hated it. In both cases the responses were passionate and pointed. We are pleased to hear that so many people read our articles. Your input is extremely valuable and much appreciated.

Regarding Administrative Order 10 (1995) the 40-hour debacle. The League filed a Class Action Grievance and an Unfair Employee Relation Practice (UERP) complaint immediately after the Chief unilaterally implemented his latest administrative wonder.

We hear that staff officers are now telling members that the League is preventing a quick resolution of this matter — that's true — in part! What wasn't said is that we refuse to accept the Chief's position that he has an absolute right to

change your working conditions and past practices without meeting and conferring in good faith with your elected bargaining representatives. If you were to believe the Chief's side, we are totally responsible for the freeze and cap on T/O time. The truth is that he can stop this fiasco whenever he wants to without our agreement or input by simply withdrawing the ridiculous Administrative Order and putting things back the way they were before he screwed them up! If not, we will do what we must do. The facts speak for themselves.

Another LAPD officer has come under attack for simply doing his job. I don't usually use other people's quotes. However, I believe this one is timely and appropriate. The message applies to each and every one of you and most especially to Officer Mike Falvo who was forced to take a human life while responding to a call for help from a terrified citizen who called the Police Department to report gang members with guns in her neighborhood.

"The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause: who at the best, know

the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt -

Mike, those cold and timid souls must surely include the gutless news reporters and editorialists whose only contribution to society seems to be telling about the deeds of others. Keep your head high — you were working in CRASH for a very good reason — you were highly qualified and highly regarded by those who run that unit — in spite of those who now crawl out of the woodwork to discredit you.

As to the Fuhrman tapes, this is not the time for anyone to judge something we haven't yet even seen or heard. These are not pleasant times for L.A. cops, but they will pass as have all the other bad times before. We must stick together as never before to survive this latest onslaught of bad press and ill will.

It's amazing that no matter what the media, police litigation attorneys and the other hemorrhoids of society pile on you to break your spirits, officers still care about the public. You provide a high-quality, professional service to people who really do need your help. You risk your lives and freedom doing it. The best your detractors can do is talk about you. Hang tough and take care of each other. We will be there when you need us!

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We have paid for 5,000 tickets and want every one of our dues-paying members to have the opportunity to participate. For that reason, Police I.D. will be required at the gate.

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react to it! Good leaders are scarce, and you're truly a poor example of a leader for any cause outside of blaming others for your own failures, and the weaknesses inside yourself. A good effective leader is someone who searches for resolutions and does not promote controversy as you find every opportunity imaginable to do!

I firmly believe you conned your votes for presidency to the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation with positive, non-militant promises in your very own message of **ACTING INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING, DOING INSTEAD OF SUGGESTING, AND HELPING INSTEAD OF CRITICIZING**. Yet all I've seen you do is **COMPLAIN** about racism, criticize and demonize your very own Department, and the only thing you have done is complain and criticize — period! Not only do you mislead your "misery loves company bandwagon" followers (if there are many which I believe there are not!), but you've misled every single African American police officer who elected you based on your "positive commitment" to "act, do, and help" while doing absolutely nothing but whine, complain, criticize, and promote a hostile division among your own officers and further demoralize the Los Angeles Police Department. I don't believe you should be in the position of being a sergeant based upon your own demonstrated leadership abilities, and your obvious encouragement of promoting a hostile working environment for the Department's officers.

You appear to separate yourself from the Department as an outsider looking in, but you're not an outsider and you do not have that right! "I," on the other hand, am an outsider and do have that right, and what I see is an outstanding police department being victimized by self-involved egos such as your own, demoralizing the outstanding reputation it has earned by the hard work and dedication of its officers who believe in the difference they do make! You appear to be intentionally sabotaging the goals the Department has set to better protect and serve the community by creating a hostile working environment for the officers that you should be supporting! Those officers all believe they have one common goal to protect and serve the community as police officers, not as white, black, etc., etc. As an outsider, I can honestly say that **YOU SHOULD TAKE AN EXTRA HARD LOOK AT YOUR OWN SELF IN THE MIRROR THE NEXT TIME YOU INTEND TO LABEL ANYONE A RACIST**, because what you see in that mirror staring back at you is exactly where it starts and it will never end until you let it! If you can't do anything more than complain and criticize, then maybe you should resign and let a competent leader **ACT, DO** and **HELP!**

As for any one of your followers that may feel offended by this letter, please don't be and understand this man is only dragging you down with him and recruiting your support to demoralize and demonize your Department that each and every one of you joined in pride because of its outstanding reputation. Regardless of race, or gender, you are all Los Angeles Police Officers and have every reason to be proud of that, because it's your hard work and caring for the community that gave it the reputation as the finest in the world. The pride in that reputation belongs to each and every one of you, not ignorance, unethical, self-involved leaders like Sergeant Leonard Ross who promised all of you "he was the leader who would **ACT INSTEAD OF COMPLAIN, DO INSTEAD OF SUGGEST, AND HELP INSTEAD OF CRITICIZE**," further asking each and every one of you to **"PUT DOWN THOSE BASKETBALLS FOR A MOMENT AND SUPPORT THE ONLY ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR YOUR FUTURE"** — "His organization," which is completely demoralizing and demonizing your entire Department and the outstanding difference each and every one of you have made by being Los Angeles Police Officers as a whole. Just because Mr. Ross hides his own personal failures and weaknesses by blaming it on racism within the Department it does not mean the rest of you are weak enough inside to let him demoralize your spirit, as well, just because misery loves company and needs allies. You're all Los Angeles Police Officers regardless of race and/or gender, and that should be your proudest aspect of all because you've truly earned that pride!

There's that old saying "United we stand, divided we fall," and it should be real obvious to all of you that Leonard Ross does not want your Department to do anything but fail and fail with his opportunistic media appearances and totally inappropriate remarks against your Department publicly, regardless of the circumstances, which only promotes further hostility and distrust from the community while creating a division among police officers, intentionally promoting racism by provoking the hostile working environment among officers it feeds on — it seems to me that you all have enough of that (undeserved) hostility and disrespect from the community for just doing your jobs (in the outstanding manner you do) than to let that hostility seek within the Department among each other as well, by allowing someone like Leonard Ross to drag you down because he doesn't want you to succeed on your own merits if he himself can't on his own without blaming someone else! Maybe if Sergeant Ross has been truly victimized by racism within the Department, then maybe he wouldn't mind opening up his own personal career package to the rest of you who may or may not support him and just see how "hypocritical" Leonard Ross truly is to be egotistically sitting in a disciplinary position when he himself hasn't been quite honest about his own integrity,

blaming his own investigations on "racism" as well.

Sergeant Ross has showed you all how he followed through with his commitment in earning your votes by **ACTING, DOING AND HELPING** — **ACTING** like an obnoxious, unethical, pompous, arrogant opportunist; **DOING** everything he possibly can to destroy the reputation of the finest police department in the world; and **HELPING** to completely demoralize each and every one of you in the way of your morale, by stripping you of the pride you have in your work and replacing it with hostility against each other and the Department itself! That was not his commitment to you, and it was not what he asked you **"TO PUT THOSE BASKETBALLS DOWN (for) TO SUPPORT THE ONLY ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR YOUR FUTURE"** — No, he's destroying your future and that of your Department to further his own self! All of you have every right to be proud being African American, and to be Los Angeles Police Officers — why let this man take that pride away from you on both counts to promote his own selfish interests when he himself was "racist" of all suggesting **"THOSE BASKETBALLS BE PUT DOWN"** encouraging that same racial stereotyping he claims "doesn't belong in your department," yet it served his own personal interest quite nicely wouldn't you say!

Being "impeachment" seems to be the current fad right now, I'm sure there is a better leader among you who can promote a positive working environment to change the Department's morale altogether — that's a true leader and one who deserves to be a leader, not someone who just blames and criticizes because it's easier to give up and join that nega-

tive bandwagon than it is to hang in there and fight for something you truly believe in. Only cowards give up and just quit, those people don't really deserve to be LAPD officers, it's those of you with the courage and heart that can make a difference within your Department. If Sergeant Ross wants to fail because he lacks the confidence, respect, and belief in himself to do anything more than complain, criticize, and blame the Department for what he lacks or may have done, then let him fail, but you don't have to fail along with him or let him destroy the great police department your outstanding work makes it! It's not his work, it's yours. I will not say **PUT DOWN THOSE BASKETBALLS** because I am not a racist as that statement would clearly indicate racial stereotyping, but I will say those hostile barriers will remain as long as people like Sergeant Leonard Ross are allowed to represent and promote that hostility for their own selfish gains. He is not a leader by any means, and regardless of race, human beings are human beings and equal in every aspect. It's only Sergeant Ross who wants to separate you and seek allies for his own personal interests. Now he's found the O.J. Simpson media hype to promote and encourage continued racism, but isn't that what O.J. Simpson himself is using as his defense against your Department to excuse his own "stupidity?" It's not "racism," it's stupidity (his own), and that comes in all colors too. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. Sergeant Ross chooses to blame others, just as O.J. Simpson and Mr. Johnnie blame you!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline information can be found under 'Editorial Policies' on Page 2 of this issue.

Dear Editor:

The Department has recently begun to replace dual-purpose vehicles such as used by detectives in the geographic divisions, Metro, etc. with new black and white Chevrolet vehicles without light-bars and MDTs. These new vehicles are equipped with a forward red light and amber/blue lights in the rear deck (similar to dual-purpose vehicles). I understand that these vehicles are to be used by Metro and detectives during the course of their workday. This brings up several points as it regards detectives only: 1) Detectives will definitely be "visible" to the public while driving black/whites, giving the public a sense that there's more police presence in their communities; 2) Detectives will be flagged down more often by citizens or victims of crimes due to their visibility; 3) Just as detectives will be more visible to the citizens, so will they be more visible to the criminal element specifically gangsters, and their presence announced in locations where crimes are in progress.

Taking into consideration the above suppositions, the following problems will invariably follow: Detectives generally are not wearing body armor during the regular course of their work day, nor are

they carrying tactical tools that are normally carried by patrol officers (e.g. tazers, shotguns, OC spray, batons, etc.) and will invariably be drawn into situations which they are ill equipped to handle. Let me emphasize that this is not true in all cases and it obviously does not apply to Metro or any patrol based unit such as CRASH, etc., but having detectives drive marked black/white vehicles will necessitate that the Department equip and retrain detectives in field operations due to their increased exposure to possible tactical situations. Granted, the tactics in a particular situation will dictate the response by the detective unit involved, but "visibility" also brings certain responsibilities and everyone I've asked has not been able to explain to me how the heavy "baggage" of liability will be distributed between the detective unit and the Department.

Something to think about. Comments anyone?
André Belotto #26189
Pacific Patrol

Dear Editor:

I would like to get in contact with a Police Officer who is not married. I am working for the Law and Order Police in Frankfurt-Main, West

Germany and am a female. It would be very nice if someone would answer. My address: Renate Frost, 60489 Frankfurt-Main, Lorschstr 16, West Germany.
Sincerely,
Renate Frost

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the August edition of the Blue Line. Who is in charge down there? Why are you putting cartoon drawings of the Chief of Police on the cover of the Blue Line? What happened to our professionalism? Shame on you for humiliating the entire membership of the Protective League with your silly little drawing of "Willynocchio." How can the Los Angeles Police Department regain its former greatness when our League directors act as juvenile and irresponsible as you have?

I believe you owe the membership an apology for this ridiculous display of character assassination. Mr. Williams is still our Chief of Police and you are still our professional representatives. We, the membership of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, demand and expect professional representation, not childlike behavior from you. "LIAR, LIAR PANTS ON FIRE" is not what I would call professional representation, Mr. Harkness. In the future I would appreciate it if you would consider the professional

reputation of our organization before you embarrass the membership again.

Sincerely yours,
Lt. Anthony P. Alba
Watch Commander,
West Valley Patrol

Dear Editor:

It is with great sadness that I sit down at my dusty typewriter, whisk away the cat hairs from the keyboard, and hack out this letter to my beloved union. During the last ten years, I have seen the *Thin Blue Line* mature from a paltry little rag befitting of an Arkansas bus bench into a fine professional publication representing the best bunch of cops in the world. I have been a regular contributor to the *Thin Blue Line* for the last 14 months. However, the professional image of the *Thin Blue Line* has just been shattered like Dorian Gray's mirror. I am referring to the silly piece of bathroom graffiti that's painted on its most recent cover. The crude depiction of the Chief of Police slanders the rank of the Chief and the entire Department. It makes us, the union membership, appear to be whining children. I am appalled. This is not what I expect of mature professionals who make up the elected directorship. Very sad, indeed.

Sgt. Mike Menza
Internal Affairs
Los Angeles Times

Dear Editor:

The recent resignation of Messrs. Hernandez and Greenebaum from the Police Commission should come as no surprise to anyone who has been following the comedy of errors

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Durwood L. De Mier
#11728
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: South Traffic
BORN: February 14, 1936
APPT: October 28, 1963
RETIRED: May 20, 1991
DIED: June 7, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Michael E. Lorenz
#21430
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
BORN: June 24, 1951
APPT: July 7, 1975
RETIRED: May 15, 1991
DIED: June 26, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Forrest E. Rogers #2614
RANK: Policeman II
ASSIGNED TO: AIFU
BORN: August 25, 1913
APPT: December 15, 1941
RETIRED: January 31, 1971
DIED: July 5, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Heber King #5512
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
BORN: July 22, 1917
APPT: April 26, 1948
RETIRED: April 25, 1978
DIED: July 5, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Joe E. Chandler #14817
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Robbery-Homicide
BORN: February 8, 1939
APPT: January 26, 1969
RETIRED: July 8, 1995
DIED: July 26, 1995

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NAME: Gregory Paul
Koppenhaver #23780
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill
BORN: October 30, 1955
APPT: June 28, 1982
ACTIVE
DIED: July 19, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Michael I. Serafin #16927
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Central
BORN: May 2, 1942
APPT: March 22, 1971
RETIRED: May 10, 1993
DIED: July 19, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: Cecil A. Gillum #2931
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Motor Transport
BORN: November 29, 1907
APPT: July 6, 1942
RETIRED: August 9, 1970
DIED: July 20, 1995

★ ★ ★

NAME: John F. Devine #3407
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley T.E.
BORN: November 10, 1917
APPT: July 22, 1946
RETIRED: February 2, 1969
DIED: July 21, 1995

Another Fallen Comrade

by Grady Dublin and
Mike Murphy

On March 30 of this year we received some devastating news: Jerry Thomas had passed away. Death is no stranger in our business and certainly no surprise, but when a friend and comrade dies, a little piece of us dies too. Jerry died as the result of injuries received on the job. Oh, he didn't die as the result of a gun battle with an armed suspect, even though he had his share of that, and he didn't die in the fireball of a traffic accident responding to another officer's aid (that would not have been a surprise either as Jerry would have been pedal to the metal to roll a help call). In fact, Jerry did not die on the job for he had been retired several years and had established residence just outside Hamilton, Montana. Hamilton is a pretty little town about fifty miles south of Missoula centered in the Bitterroot Valley flanked by both a mountain range and a river that bears the same name. Jerry is buried where he can see both the mountains and the river so he will always be in the outdoors that he loved. Before I continue, let me tell you a little about Jerry, or "J.T." as he was known to many.

Jerry was the third and most probably the last generation of Los Angeles Police Officers from his family. He had worked many assignments during his distinguished career of twenty-five years including the Mounted Unit, which followed his grandfather's footsteps who had worked that unit in the

1920s. Jerry also worked Narcotics for over ten years where he established himself as a premier undercover operator. While working dope in 1970, Jerry met Mike Murphy and that meeting turned into a life long friendship. Jerry's love of the high country rubbed off on Mike as Jerry introduced him to the beauty and peacefulness of the outdoors. We never get too far away from this job, but we are able to escape on occasion and those are the best memories that Mike has: the high mountain lakes, the quiet forests, the canoe trip down the Missouri River not too long ago, and all the rest of the times of being at peace in places where men can rest and recharge their souls.

Back at the job, Jerry was tireless in his work. Always there when someone needed him, never a case too difficult or dangerous to work, and always willing to walk the "point." But things began to happen to Jerry that should not happen to any man. In 1972, while doing a "deal" and operating the same way that he had done so many times before, he was taken hostage in what was to be a "rip-off" before the term became as commonplace as it is today. Jerry was put on the floor with the gun to the back of his head and the suspect was preparing to execute him. He told me once, "Grady, I knew I was dead. I was so surprised, so shocked, that I could not even think of anything to do." Fortunately, the wire was working and the next thing that was heard was a shot and the suspect was

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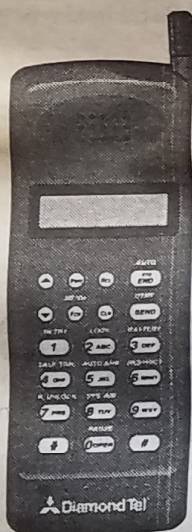
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associated with the City Council trying to gain political control over the LAPD. Chief Williams was hand picked by the council to assure their authority over the city's top cop, and there is no way they would allow their yes-man to be hung out to dry on an easily covered up scandal. The fact that the chief was accused of lying and denying — a serious offense for any police officer — now appears to be of little concern to the council. What is important, however, is that appearances are kept up, even if it means trying to fool the good citizens of L.A. with an obvious shell game. Somehow I can't imagine this happening with former chief Gates.

Fred Romero
LAPD Retired, Simi Valley

Dear Editor:

Many a change has occurred within the Los Angeles Police Department in the last nineteen years since I retired. Two words come to mind: pride and honor. Not pride in one's self, but pride as in proud to say I served with the absolute finest police department in the United States, or the world for that matter. Pride is apparently a word of the past, where honor still remains. There was a time when we retired folk in the "civilian" world had and have occasion to show our I.D. card. I used to "puff-up" with true pride when the people seeing the card would say, "Gee, I bet you miss it." Or, "Boy, retired from LAPD," plus many other very kind remarks. NOT today. I try my best to NEVER show my I.D. card. It would appear that honor is void in the Northeast section of the 6th floor. I'm 67 years old now and hopefully wise enough to not become embroiled in an argument with individuals who freely cast four letter words about our department. In addition to years of decaying morale we are faced with Chief Willie Williams who apparently places himself above the law, and does not understand the very old saying, "What's good for the goose is good for the gander." Why couldn't Chief Williams have been white, blue, pink or even purple for that matter? I sincerely hurt for all of the very fine dedicated, honest, and professional police officers on our department of color. Especially those who are of African American descent. Chief Williams has set them back several years in the eyes of the world of prejudiced, non-thinking people who are always so quick to cast their hate toward the black population and will say: "What would you expect?" Men of honor like Chief Bill Parker, Thad Brown, Ed Davis, and Daryl Gates, would NEVER have compromised their office or allowed their names to be dragged into the mud as is the name of Willie. I called him Chief earlier, but honestly, I cannot call him Chief because of his disgusting showing in office and having robbed me of that precious pride in our Department. Bill Harkness, Cliff Ruff, and Dennis Zine, there was a time when I would have gladly called for your removal from the Department for speaking out against the office of the Chief of Police. Today, I applaud you for having the courage to tell the truth where truth seems to be lacking in that once high and respected office. I am also just sick to my stomach to think that personnel assigned to higher offices within our Department

are willing to sell their souls to "get ahead." I pray our officers will "mount up with wings as eagles" and cause the removal of this cancerous growth that is sitting in an office where he doesn't belong. He does not honorably represent the Los Angeles Police Department, or the professional rank and file of men and women in blue, nor does he represent the ethics or edicts of professionalism of a Los Angeles Police Officer.

Lee Kirkwood, LAPD Retired

Dear Editor:

I was sorry to read in the July issue of the Blue Line on the death of Captain Earl Sansing.

Capt. Sansing played one of the most important parts in making my life comfortable, happy and secure. I only met Capt. Sansing once and that was in October of 1945. He was the first Los Angeles Police Officer I had ever met. He was a lieutenant assigned to the Personnel Department. I had just completed four years and three months with the U.S. Navy. The police department was hiring "war emergency officers" (a non-civil service job). I took the test for that position at the City Hall. After the written exam, I was sent to see Lt. Sansing for an oral interview. At the interview Lt. Sansing told me, "I would like to see you on the police department, but you only weigh 137 pounds, and if I sent you up to the doctor for a physical he would have to turn you down because you do not weigh enough." He then said to me, after seeing a pack of cigarettes in my shirt pocket, "If you will stop smoking those cigarettes, your appetite will improve and you will probably gain weight. Eat bananas, drink milk and eat ice cream. If in the next 15 days you get your weight up to 150 pounds, I will send you up to the doctor (Vance) for your physical." I did what he advised me to do and on January 15, 1945 I became a Los Angeles Police Officer.

I retired as a Det. III on January 17, 1976. I only met Capt. Sansing that one time, but I have always been very grateful for the good advice he gave me and for the important part that that one meeting played in my life.

Stuart J. Sipma
Retired Det. III LAPD

Dear Editor:

Well, here we are once again talking about my favorite subject, Affirmative Action. Many of you consider Affirmative Action as some mysterious, malicious conspiracy by the federal government shrewdly designed to take coveted positions away from most worthy individuals namely male whites. And somehow throughout the years a multitude of inferior quality individuals, namely minorities and females have been handed out a host of positions that they weren't entitled, thus, leaving others, mainly male whites out in the career cold, i.e., reverse discrimination.

Well, my friends, nothing could be further from the truth. Affirmative Action was designed and implemented to correct a social wrong that has unfortunately plagued our society since its inception. I can appreciate what opponents of Affirmative Action are saying. And if we lived in a perfect world, I would wholeheartedly agree with them. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect make-believe world, and we are compelled to deal with the so-

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cial problems we face. (We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto!)

Case in point, everyone seems to agree, like it or not, that our Department supposedly practices an "aggressive" Affirmative Action policy. Now let's just take, for example, the number of sergeants assigned to Pacific Patrol. There are 29 in total. One is black, two are hispanic, with one American Indian and one Asian. Astonishingly, none are females. Now if my basic math is correct, that leaves 24 sergeants assigned to Pacific Patrol that are male whites! Twenty-four out of twenty-nine!

Now please answer this simple question — How are the male whites being cheated out of coveted positions they so ardently claim they deserve? Do they want 25 or 26 sergeants in Pacific Patrol? And let me remind you that these basic numbers were gathered when Affirmative Action is being quote, unquote aggressively practiced! Can you possibly imagine what the numbers would be if there was no Affirmative Action?

Even Ray Charles can plainly see that when it comes to mid-level supervisors in Pacific Patrol the opponents of Affirmative Action do not have an argument. Is it so unreasonable, so unfair that minorities and females only want a small portion of the promotional pie? If you look at the above situation and if you're honest you'll have to agree that the male whites have more than enjoyed their share of the promotions, and reverse discrimination does not exist.

I know this is an emotional issue, and I'll probably get an overwhelming and angry backlash from my male white friends on everything I've written. Nevertheless, it's also an important issue and much careful thought should be placed into it before we hastily act or react. Please consider both sides of this pivotal issue. Think twice before you preach and campaign so intensely against Affirmative Action. Many good deserving officers are only asking for an equal opportunity and some semblance of parity.

Borrowing a question from the Good Book, are we our brother's keeper? You bet we are!

Sincerely,
Jorge F. Torres #23590
Pacific Division

Dear Editor:

Regarding the Lincoln Heights incident, I would like to thank League Director Dennis Zine for doing the job of the Chief of Police. I had complete confidence that Chief Williams would take a very tentative and weak stance, if any, in the support of HIS officers.

The reason for my confidence is simple. Coincidentally, it's also the answer to Dennis Zine's question, "Where's the Chief?" (August Blue Line).

He is absent. He is waiting to test the political waters before rendering a watered down reply. He is a coddler, an appeaser, a politician who caters to his current audience.

The compromise of such maudlin placation is the absence of honesty.

Sadly, we as a Department cannot and should not expect leadership from Chief Williams.

Paul Torrence, #22846
Metropolitan Division

Dear Editor:

I am a Police Officer with the London Metropolitan Police and I am hoping that you will be able to assist me to make contact with any of your officers, who would be inter-

ested in meeting and possibly exchanging souvenirs, when I visit your city as part of my holiday later in the year. I have been a Police Constable in London for 11 years and I am very keen to meet some colleagues during my stay in the Los Angeles area.

I will be flying into San Francisco, with my wife and brother-in-law at the end of October, 1995, but will not be arriving in the Los Angeles area until the last two weeks of November. We are expecting to stay for up to four days, in Anaheim.

I would be very grateful if you could pass this letter on to any officer who would like to meet with me during my short stay. I can be contacted at my home address. My home telephone number is: 44 1 753 670 916.

I would also be very happy to meet with any Los Angeles officers who may be visiting London in the near future.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Lavender
117 Maplin Park, off Market Lane
Langley, Berkshire SL3 8YB
United Kingdom

Dear Editor:

First and foremost, I will NEVER believe Detective Mark Fuhrman moved, planted, fixed, rigged, tampered with any glove or evidence at any crime scene. I do not believe Detective Fuhrman was ever smart enough to do so. This is my first (and I hope my last) letter to the Protective League in 21 years of police service to the City of Los Angeles.

As I only read about the Laura Hart McKinny tapes in the newspaper, I wonder what type of person "role-plays" a script, dialogue or whatever for twelve hours and not manage to put some of his character behind the role. I realize Fuhrman's conversation took place seven or eight years ago but even back in this time period, didn't he realize that such statements would bring discredit to himself and the Department??? What kind of person does this??? I knew (then) DDA Lance Ito and (then) Det. III Peggy York when I worked Northeast Homicide; they are good decent people. I cannot apologize enough to them for Fuhrman's "role-playing" remarks. I can only hope this "role-playing" jerk (Oops! There goes my role-playing) can apologize too for his statements.

With the recent discovery of the McKinny tapes, do not Fuhrman's statements border on misconduct??? I understand he recently resigned. Will we get a chance to read about this investigation in the Blue Line?? Will Detective Fuhrman's picture make the cover of the Blue Line as our Chief's did??

The crux of this letter is that I pray the League will not establish a MARK FUHRMAN DEFENSE FUND and use the monies of all the membership to further his goals. Most likely, he's finishing up a book deal in the Department's (or his own) best interest. If you do use our monies, consider terminating my membership in the League. Thank you for reading this letter.

Detective Jesse Castillo

Congressman Dornan
U.S. House of Representatives
Mr. Dornan:

I am asking you to read this letter on the floor of the House, because I don't think there is anyone else

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from California with what it takes to do it. California is going to hell in a hand basket and you got Mr. Fazio going after the Christians, Mr. Waxman going after the tobacco industry, Mrs. Feinstein after the gun owners, and Ms. Boxer after Senator Packwood. If we could get some of that energy focused on the real problems we have here, we just might overcome.

Thank you.

The Attorney General confirmed the promotion of Mr. Larry Potts to the second highest position in the FBI. I'm 18 plus years in law enforcement and I don't understand this rationale. This move angers me to the point of confusion. The fact that Mr. Potts was the main planners of what took place at Waco, to the Branch Davidians, where over 80 people were killed; Men, women, and children all dead. Just prior to Waco he (Mr. Potts) was involved in Idaho at Randy Weaver's place, causing Mrs. Weaver to be head shot while holding her 10 month old child, and her son to be back shot while running down the driveway.

After all this the man gets a promotion. What I don't get is the agency I work for is sworn to uphold the law and protect the public at large. So we (my agency) go after a reckless driver, who is evading the law. They get him stopped, he gets out acting strange, to say the least, as if under the influence of a drug that makes one crazy and strong, plus feel no pain. He does not respond to demands, he has two passengers who comply with every demand, but our hero resisted verbally and physically. So our guys beat him up and take him into custody, then go to prison for their trouble. I know you haven't heard this story, it was kept kind of quiet. (We knew it as the Rodney King incident.)

Now what I ask you to do is to hold these two stories up, side by side, and see Mr. Potts and crew going to David Koresh's house to arrest him, and killing everybody that was home. Mr. Koresh was said to have machine guns, but was not threatening to shoot anyone at the time. A few months earlier they

took a trip to Idaho, and again went to Mr. Weaver's home. He too was said to have machine guns but had not yet revealed who he planned to shoot. And again Mr. Potts and crew tried to kill everybody present. The dead people in these cases were not committing a crime at the time they were confronted and killed, and most of them were not even accused of criminal activity. Then you look at our guy cruising down the freeway at a high rate of speed, violating the speed limit. Law enforcement attempt to pull him over for the violation and he took off faster to avoid being stopped for fear of violating his parole. Everybody know about drunk drivers and their body count. Once our hero was stopped, his attitude was uncooperative and combative. He was not shot, he was not choked to death, he was beaten into submission, taken into custody, then taken to the hospital for treatment in case he had serious injuries.

Looking at these cases, justice is definitely not blind and Sgt. Stacey Koon and Officer Lawrence Powell have absolutely no business in prison and Mr. Potts at the very least should not have been promoted. I don't know Mr. Potts nor do I have anything against him or his agency. I've never been a fan of the Clinton administration, but now after watching the Waco hearings and reading an August 3rd article in the L.A. Times (A Man of Conflicting Images) "Rodney King." It makes me wonder why we go out there and put everything we are, and everything we have, on the line, just to get dumped on by the system if it don't look good.

Respectfully,
Det. William Jones
LAPD Rampart

Dear Editor:

I take great personal exception to the premise that the sad lesson Frank Del Olmo's mother taught him as a young boy haunts, not only him, but all of Los Angeles. To portray his mother's experience and her misguided lesson to him regarding Los Angeles police officers of "don't you ever say anything to them, talk back or anything," because... "they will beat you within an inch of your life," is, I agree, a sad lesson to provide to a young person. It is also wrong. To judge a group based solely on what they do

for a living is just as prejudiced as judging a group based on racial stereotypes. Mr. Del Olmo's mother performed a grave disservice when she taught him that prejudice, in any form, is acceptable. Perhaps Mr. Del Olmo should seek not only to reform the LAPD, but himself.

My mother, like his, is a devout Catholic who raised eight children after becoming a widow at 42 years of age. She taught all of us to respect people, regardless of their race, color, religion or occupation. We were taught that police officers, teachers, priests, etc. were authority figures who demanded our respect. When an authority figure acted in a manner that failed to earn that respect or did something that caused us to lose that respect, our family discussed the issue and recognized that that individual authority figure may have failed. However, that was never a reason to disrespect others or to generalize that a mistake by a police officer, teacher or priest, resulted in every other police officer, teacher or priest becoming undeserving of our respect.

I am a police captain and a 25-year member of the Department. My youngest sister is a sergeant and 15-year veteran. We, like many officers, work in neighborhoods of diversity and are proud of our efforts and service to the community. LAPD officers across the city continue to provide leadership, example, opportunity, and most importantly, safety to many disadvantaged youth. In addition to thousands of daily contacts in the course of their duties, officers recruit and direct police explorer scout programs and police athletic leagues, which benefit thousands of youngsters. The Department also has a program that works with "at risk" youth where officers provide counseling and guidance to deter the youngsters from a life of crime, drugs and gangs. Many of these youngsters, as they become young adults, have returned to the Department as police officers, directly from neighborhoods like Mr. Del Olmo's where LAPD and other community servants serve as role models.

Mr. Del Olmo's statements are reckless and grossly inaccurate generalizations. He states that the Gutierrez shooting stands as a stark reminder of how much still needs to be done to reform the LAPD. What does he know about this shooting that the rest of us don't? The evidence so far only indicates that an officer defended his own and his partner's lives when he shot a gang member, nicknamed "Troublemaker," who was armed with a sophisticated assault weapon. On the night of the shooting, Gutierrez' fellow gang members told the media that Gutierrez was carrying a gun. Now, some of them have recanted those statements; and apparently we are expected to believe only their new statements that Gutierrez was carrying a flashlight. What makes violent criminals, who are members of a gang that preys on the very community that Del Olmo writes about, more believable than police officers? The implication that the police somehow planted the gun that Gutierrez was carrying that night is preposterous. It is the type of rhetoric that has been consistent in the Simpson trial — attack the men and women hired to protect and to serve and forget about victims and law abiding families. But in any case, we should allow the investiga-

tion to determine what actually happened, rather than prejudging the officer's actions. By prejudging this officer's actions, Del Olmo continues to perpetuate a bias against police officers that his mother instilled in him long ago.

In this case, reform is not the answer. What reform in the Department will result in officers not having to defend themselves from people who are about to shoot them? There is nothing that we know about this shooting that indicates the LAPD needs reform.

As for the involved officer being one of the Christopher Commission's "problem officers," that is being blown out of proportion. I do not know the involved officer, but I do know and have commanded several officers on that infamous list. Certainly we have a small number of officers who shouldn't be police officers. However, Department supervisors and command officers identify those particular officers and make appropriate recommendations to correct their behavior or remove them from their positions.

The criteria used by the Christopher Commission to categorize the 44 officers was far from perfect. While the Christopher Commission certainly raised some reasonable concerns, it failed to take many mitigating factors into consideration and branded many officers with an undeserved label. In fact, a fair number of those officers are good, conscientious employees who have since promoted or qualified for special assignment.

Mr. Del Olmo's assertion that the United Neighborhoods Organization's failure to rally around the Department is a damning comment on how poorly LAPD's new philosophy of community-based policing is being implemented is sad. It also shows how ill informed he is regarding what constitutes community-based policing. Police officers do not expect the community to rejoice over such an occurrence. In fact, we expect well founded criticism and scrutiny. Community-based policing was never intended to provide a cheering section for the police, nor was it intended to allow the police to act without accountability. It's unfortunate that Mr. Del Olmo views a community that wants answers as an indictment of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Department's efforts regarding community-based policing are not new. In fact, the Department has been a pioneer in many strategies that have come to be known as community-based policing. Communities, rightfully, will never be happy regarding a police shooting of a young person, nor should they be. It is a sad event.

With all due respect to Mr. Del Olmo's mother, she should have reached out and ensured that he met one of the thousands of family oriented police officers within the LAPD who could have been a role model for him. That act alone probably would have prevented him from writing an incredibly biased and flawed view of a great police department and the men and women who serve the Los Angeles community with pride and honor — a Department where men and women risk their lives daily for people of all colors, cultures and creeds.

Very truly yours,
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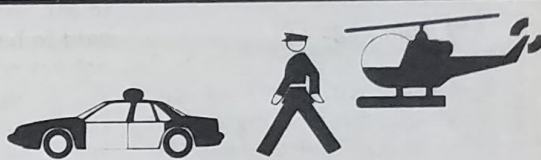
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Hollenbeck News

by Dennis Hammarstedt
Hollenbeck Division

Welcome to Hollenbeck

To all new personnel at Hollenbeck since the last Hollenbeck newsletter in October, 1994.

Newsletter Information

All of the information in this newsletter comes from Hollenbeck officers. If you have a newsworthy item, please forward the information to Hammarstedt for publication.

Officer of the Month

The Officer of the Month program has been replaced with the Hollenbeck Officer of the Quarter, starting with the second quarter of 1995. P.O. III **Lisa Sanchez-Padilla**, #25999, has been chosen as the Hollenbeck Officer of the Second Quarter 1995.

The award and picture can be seen in Hollenbeck's front lobby after the desk construction is completed.

New Babies

Christine Dietz is the proud mother of **Jennifer Lee Dietz**, June 3, 1995, 7 lbs 3 ozs. According to Chris her daughter sleeps all day, never cries and helps clean the house.

Rachel Sandoval is finally pleased to present her son **Daniel Sandoval**, June 17, 1995, 6 lbs 12 ozs.

Volunteer Academy Number 3

The next volunteer class training will be in October 1995. If you know any Hollenbeck citizens that would like to apply, please tell them to fill out an application. These are located at the front desk.

Second Annual Councilman Richard Alatorre Award

Congratulations to our own **Wayne Masanaga** the recipient from Hollenbeck of this prestigious award.

Hollenbeck Picnic

July 30, 1995, Sunday, Debbs Park . . . For more info, see your station fund committee.

Lake Mead Trip (June 16-19, 1995)

This year we again find ourselves on the road headed for that long awaited fishing/houseboat trip at Echo Bay Lake Mead. The sirens of the casino at the state line lured the wary travelers into the bowels of the casino crowd. The evil gaming tables struck a number of our group with no compassion or compensation for the

time and hard earned income invested. The only real winner on this stop was **George Gonzales** who emptied a card game machine three times. Although he took pity on the poor casino owners and fed a large amount of his winnings back into the forlorn machine he still walked out of this den ahead of the game.

All of the travelers left the casino with high hopes of breaking the bank on the return trip. As it turns out the only bank broke was those fearsome gamblers' bank account, you know, the ones that remained too long at the casino on the return trip.

As everybody eventually materialized at the houseboat, the real work of unloading the trucks began. We unloaded a lot of beer and I think some kind of food. We threw our bags aboard and settled into our long awaited meditation on this houseboat tied to the dock. After meditating about two cases of beer most of the troop headed for the local marina watering hole to mingle with the rest of the other houseboat travelers.

Early Saturday morning everybody(?) was up, wide awake and ready to go at the crack of about 8 o'clock. A couple of the members had to work late Friday night so they didn't arrive until early morning. **Ben Young** had to count his quarters and **Todd Rheingold**, even though he worked late Friday night he still had the time to drive to the Temple Bar Marina in Arizona (about 100 miles round trip the wrong way), to catch an hour's sleep before leaving for the right marina in Nevada. This is only the second time in two years (trips) that he ended up at the wrong marina in the wrong state, but I do believe that the Arizona Marina is quite nice.

Finally all hands were on deck so we could shove off.

Hiking

I (Dennis Hammarstedt) took a party of hikers from the crew Sunday to explore the vast surroundings of Lake Mead located in front of the boat. This team consisted of myself, **Gil Orosco**, **Angelo** and another of Gil's team, **Dave Knapp**. This stalwart team started the expedition with expectations of greater things inland. Gil was able to hear how bad

a singer he really is. This team of mountain climbers reached the peak of the first rise and plotted a course that was full of rich sights and worthwhile adventure but in plotting the course and hiking we discovered that if you make just one small course change it could add new adventure to your otherwise drab life. Well we made that course change and ended up so far away from the houseboat that we could not even see the bluff it was parked at. We started cross country by the lake shore. Most of the team made it to the last cove near the boat, a one-sided vote was taken and the poor sap that lost (me) had to hike the rest of the way back to get the houseboat and have captain **Mike** drive to the location of these lost souls in the next cove and pick them up.

Skiing

Marty is a top notch skier. On the single he did tricks that make the rest of us have queasy stomachs (or was that just too much beer). Marty is really very good. Myself, I gave up this kind of activity since my famous ski dismount last year. A real hit of the water activity was the water rocket that **Ken** brought. Ken is the master of this device. With hard turns and erratic driving, Ken was able to hang on most of the time whereas Gil was unable to get a good ride, probably because he thought the one finger wave to the boat captain Marty was a good thing to do. It's not, Gil didn't know you could bounce along the top of the water that far from just falling off of this rocket at forty miles an hour (he learned). Riding this monster double turns out to be very difficult but with intestinal fortitude Gil and Guido were able to stay on at least until Gil waved at the Captain again.

Beer Drinking

No comment. We are all good at this.

Sun Burning

It's an even match between **Ben Young** and **Bruce Nelson**. Both were red as a fire truck. Gil tried but he just kept his even golden tan.

Sleeping

Ben Young is the king hands down, no contest.

Cooking

Gil Orosco (Cookie) was the master on this cruise. I was able to get

only one recipe from him as follows: Meat, heat, eat.

The True Story of the Hiking Adventure as Seen Through the Eyes of Gil Orosco

After being asked by Dennis if I wanted to go on a little hike, I made a big mistake and said yes. Not only is Dennis an old goat, he smells like one and climbs those damn hills like one. His favorite saying was "one more ravine." His short hike turned into a 4-hour death march with no water or beer unless we kept up with Herr Hammarstedt. All I can say is that we went up hill then down hill then through a ravine over and over again. When it was my turn to carry the back pack, Dennis decided he wanted to collect rocks for his niece. Of course he expected me to carry the damn things since I had the pack. I should have realized that I was in trouble when the first 50 yards of the hike was straight up. During the first half of the forced death march we were following a huge donkey (not Dennis, a real wild donkey). This animal would turn and look at us and bay which I understood to mean that he (the donkey) wanted to become intimate with us. This encounter went on for about an hour until the donkey got a whiff of Dennis and took a different trail. All Dennis wanted to do was to go up the next mountain to see what was on the other side. I'll tell you what was there — more damn rocks. Finally Herr Hammarstedt said we could take a break and passed out one beer to each of us. Finally it was time to head back to the boat and naturally Dennis led us on a different route back. His route was down a wash which took us 5 miles, 10 mountains, and 25 ravines out of our way. There was one thing which sustained me on this death march and sadly I'm not able to print it but if you ask me I'll be happy to share it with you. Anyway, I was rescued off the beach by Captain Mike and the first thing they wanted to know was what was for lunch. After replenishing myself with five beers, I proceeded to whip up another gourmet meal. The next morning Dennis asked if anybody wanted to go on a hike and I politely refused. The moral of this true story is that Dennis is a pig.

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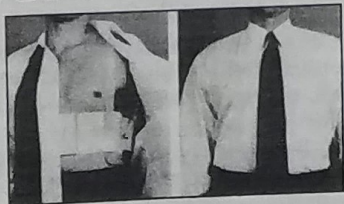
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IA Briefs

by Sergeant Mike Menza
Internal Affairs Division

It's called the "Bridge to Nowhere." It was built in 1936 out of reinforced concrete. It spans a hundred and twenty foot deep ravine that has a clear creek rushing underneath. Two years after the bridge was built heavy rains washed out the roads that led to the bridge. Now, the bridge stands alone. It sits majestically 25 miles deep into the Angeles Forest. The bridge is also a place where a bunch of people from IAD met one Saturday. We met, we hiked, and we jumped from the bridge. No, this wasn't the march of the lemmings. We strapped on a body harness with a bungee cord attached,



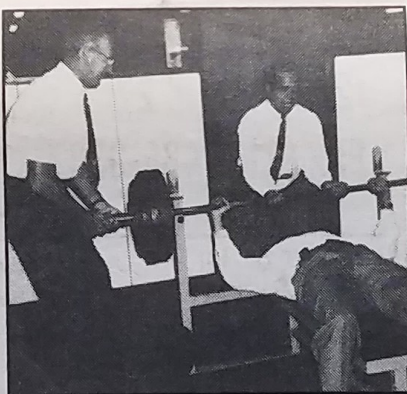
Jenny and Greg Martinez (Gus Martinez's kids) cooling off during the hike.



Bombs away... Now is not the time to wonder if the bungee cord is attached to the bridge.

said a little prayer, and leaped from the bridge. **Scott Kroeber, Gus Martinez, Stan Lemelle, Oscar Munoz**, and myself along with members of our families trekked through 108 degree temperatures, more than five miles from the nearest road, to get to the bridge. The hike was the really tough part. We crossed streams ten times, often slipping and getting completely wet. We scaled rock faces and crossed thick busy plains. Once at the bridge, the jump was a piece of cake. You just dive off the bridge towards the rocks and creek below. The bungee cord stretches you to a stop before you smash yourself on the rocks, then it flings you back up toward the underneath of the bridge. Your stomach turns inside out in your throat as you go weightless. You fall back down again and you bounce again back up. After a few more bounces you hang under the bridge waiting for a line to be dropped to hoist you back up to the railing. Fun, fun, fun. Scott Kroeber and I are looking forward to another bungee jump day, but this time we are going to find a location where we don't have to go on what has become known as the infamous "bungee death march."

I have a new partner. She's quiet. She's taken up the job of being my alter ego. She's always telling me what to do and how to act. My boss,



I.A. guys even wear white shirts and ties when they work out. James Craig demonstrating a show of strength.

James Craig, the assistant lieutenant, thought we were bickering one day. He threatened to "divorce" us as partners. (She also keeps **Joe Mariani** "in line.") **Lydia** "The Lidster" **Mills** is my partner now. The Lidster is also a leader in the honor guard detail. She is always on call for honor guard duties. I even made her an honorary Marine because she wears her police uniform super-squared away. There are two Sergeant Mills in IAD. The other one, **Steve Mills**, works South Bureau IAD (and is the Lidster's spouse).

James Craig was recently telling us he could bench press 300 pounds. My lieutenant, **Rick Smith**, and I looked at each other and said, "no way." Soon, others joined us and the Craigster, having been dissed enough, finally said, "Watch, I'll prove it." We walked down to the weight room and loaded up the barbell. The Craigster wiggled himself under the barbell, gritted his teeth, and . . . well, the Craigster only benched 285. Nah, nah nah, nah nahhh-na. Hey James, do I get the pick where you take me for lunch?

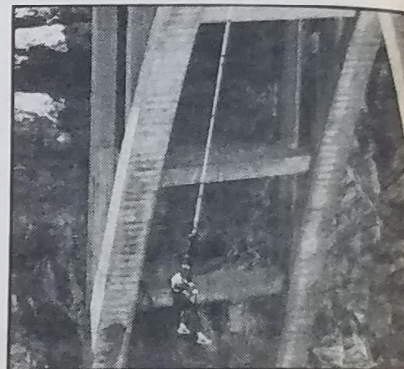
The Volkslauf mud run is coming up September 8th. It's been tough getting people to sign up for a team this year. Some of last year's mud runners still remember how icky it was crawling through the slime and goo and opted not to do it this year. Anyone who is interested in putting together a team for your area or division, call me and I'll send you the info.

A bunch of people from OHB/Central and West Bureau investigations are training for the *Stair Climb to the Top*. This event is slated as a climb of the tallest building in the west — 75 floors worth. The building is the First Interstate World Center located on 5th Street between Flower and Grand Streets. Some of the folks who are training for this caper are **Steve and Terri LaRouche, Mike Schneider**, and **Rick and Gretchen Smith**. This event is going to take place on October 14. Steve LaRouche and Mike Schneider actually counted the number of steps that we have to climb. They came up with more than 1,620 steps.

More on this caper later.



Indiana Lemelle and kids.



A dangling Scott Kroeber.



Scott Kroeber preparing to jump.



The Lidster with Lita Abella and James Craig.

Devonshire Details

by Kathy Bennett
Devonshire Division

Greetings from the area where the sun shines, and shines, and shines! The heat has been sweltering out here, but work continues...

Astro Rovers are Here

After more than a year of promises, the Astro Rovers have arrived. Being one of the last divisions to get them, we are rapidly playing catch up on our astro skills.

Northridge Fashion Center Re-opens

A year and a half after the Northridge quake, the Northridge mall reopened. Equipped with a new and improved substation, it's booming business once again. Assigned to the mall detail are officers **Craig Ledsworth, Scotty Henderson**, and **Kevin Murphy**.

Not all of the stores have reopened, but the crowds (lots of teenagers) are abundant.

We Still Feel the Loss

You know, this has been a hard article for me to write, because my heart really isn't in it. Just two days ago we lost a fellow officer from another agency in the line of duty. The officer was Michael Clark from Simi Valley Police Department. But to us here at Devonshire we lost Mike Clark, LAPD Officer who went to Simi Valley PD in search of better pay, better support from the Department, and basically a better life.

I didn't know Mike real well. We had worked together on several occasions. What I did learn about Mike was that he was a hard worker, he knew his job, and he was devoted to his wife and family. He was a good police officer. Mike was constantly

striving to improve his lifestyle, and his move to Simi PD was in following that path. Mike presented himself as a professional, no nonsense kind of cop. That is what he was, and how he will be remembered.

Mike worked with a regular partner during his assignment to Devonshire. If you saw Mike Clark you knew that Carl Oschman wasn't far away. They were a good team, a productive team, and a team that could be counted on in any situation.

Those of us that knew Mike and worked with Mike will have to go on, but we won't forget. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike's wife, child, family, and to his partner Carl.

Welcome Aboard

A big howdy to Lieutenant **L. Knight** who comes to us from Internal Affairs, Detective **K. Jenks** who leaves West L.A., P3 **J. Fitchpatrick** who leaves Pacific, and P3 **S. Herold** from Van Nuys. New P1s to Devonshire are **M. Navarro**, and **G.**

Sanchez. Our new PSR is **C. Pearson** from Communications Division. **Happy Trails to You**

Ginger Roberson leaves us to become a Detective at Hollywood, and **Daryl Vanroy** leaves us to become a P3 at West Valley. New P2 **M. Rossin** leaves us to go over the hill to West L.A. Good luck to all of you in your new positions!

Movin' On Up

Congratulations to Detective **Bob Bogison** who made D2 and stays at Devonshire. A whole new crop of P3s were selected and stay at Devonshire. They are: **A. J. Debellis, Dave Neville, Bernie White**, and **Kathy Ryan** (The "Kathy" team is finally broken up, and I've been replaced by a P1! Aughhh!). Good luck everyone on your promotions!

Personally Speaking

Far as I know, no new marriages or babies to report. Maybe next month.

Be careful on the street and at home!

What About Wilshire?

by Walter R. Dominguez
Wilshire Division

On July 24, 1995, Officers **K. Grogan** and **A. Junco** responded to a "211 Just Occurred" at the Pet Co. at 2nd and Sycamore. A possible suspect had been detained by the security guard and an off-duty Sheriff's deputy. After the officers conducted a thorough investigation, the suspect was interviewed at the station. Due to excellent interview techniques used by the officers, the suspect confessed and showed the officers where he had hidden the stolen money. Over \$9,000 was recovered as a result of the teamwork and sound investigation of both officers. Congratulations on great work!

On July 21, 1995, Sgt. **Jim Davis** and Officer **Lewis Wiggins** discovered a 70-year-old male in a wheelchair stranded and disoriented in the middle of Wilshire Boulevard. The elderly Mr. Chandler, was in danger of being hit by vehicles. Mr. Chandler was lost and confused, having gotten off the bus at the wrong location. The officers assisted the senior into their police car and after careful questioning, were able to determine where he lived — a board and care home nearby — and they got him safely home. Sgt. Davis and Officer Wiggins did a great job providing quality service to the community.

On July 15, 1995, Wilshire responded to an "ambulance shots fired" call at 5600 San Vicente Boulevard. Officer **Perez** arrived within four minutes and began directing units to the various crime scene functions. Wilshire units continued obtaining intelligence from witnesses. Twenty-five minutes later, an entry team, led by Sgt. **Jackson**, with a prearranged tactical plan, arrested the suspect without incident. A field show-up was conducted and units positively identified the suspect as the shooter. It was an outstanding team effort involving three divi-

sions. Special thanks to Senior Lead Officers **Diggs-Edwards, Barber, Adauto, and Rossum** who responded and assisted where needed. The victim was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where he expired from wounds. Officer **Perez** handled this incident in an outstanding manner by directing, coordinating and communicating with all involved in this "solved" homicide. Good job!

On July 24, 1995, Mr. Robert Frost, a security guard at the 7-Eleven convenience store at 2801 W. 9th Street called the station to compliment the assertive actions of Officers **Meade** and **Williams**. The store was the location of an attempted 187 on the 8th of the month. Frost was impressed with the high visibility and extra patrol that the officers were devoting to the area surrounding the store. Frost stated that gang activity declined considerably and attributed this directly to the actions of the officers. Frost wanted supervisors at Wilshire to know that he appreciated the officers' hard work.

Transfers & Promotions

In: Lt. **M. Moore**, from Internal Affairs; Officer **J. Amezcua**, from Training Division; Officer **J. Ashpauch**, Recruit Training; Officer **J. Lin**, Recruit Training; Officer **G. Nolan**, Recruit Training. Welcome to Wilshire!

Out: Lt. **Paulette Herman** to Planning & Research; Det. **T. Hickey**, West Valley Detectives; Officer **D. Harris**, Foothill; Officer **N. Kruse**, Rampart; Officer **J. Alley**, Southeast; Officer **K. Delbon**, Foothill; Officer **B. Oliva**, Southeast; Officer **J. Hernandez**, 77th. You'll be missed at Wilshire!

Promotions, P.O. II to P.O. III: Officer **Jeff Allen**, Officer **T. J. Kim**, Officer **Vickie Kirkham**, Officer **Andrea Lucie**, Officer **John Soberal**; P.O. III plus I: Officer **Maria Mauro**, Officer **Mike McGilvary**. Congratulations!

Van Nuys Patrol

by Jason Berg
Van Nuys Division

"The Heat of the Valley"

This month brings nine new Police Officer 3s to Van Nuys: **Chris Booker, Kim Jones, L. Turriaga, Elizabeth Ellis, D. Enriquez, Vivian Flores, Pat McCarty, Chris Ruiz** and Pat "Boot" Butler. Congratulations to everyone and don't forget to keep **Leona Blatt** happy or your life will be miserable.

I would like to get some input for our Christmas party on December 17 at the Airtel. For those of you that don't know, **Victor Su'apa'ia** heads a Polynesian dance group. He has agreed to have his fire dancers and belly dancers perform at the party. What do you guys think about a Tikki Room, Polynesian theme party? It makes choosing your attire easy and it's kinda off the wall. Let me know over the next weeks so the station fund can get

the ball rolling. I think it will be fun to see Vic in a grass skirt.

The next issue is the arrival of new babies to Van Nuys personnel. Congratulations go to Sgt. **Andy Voge** and his wife on the arrival of their baby Samuel Benjamin. Det. **Steve Krauss** and his wife welcomed Mathew Ryan on 5/6/95, and last but not least PSR **Nora Hernandez** delivered David Aaron on 7/14/95. Good luck and enjoy your treasures.

I just want to draw some attention to a new lieutenant running around the station and I mean running, with radio in hand and a 45 degree bent neck — Lt. **Pete Trilling** has everyone on their toes. "Do you have a body?" "How long are you going to be, we have ten calls in the queue." And if you are ever faced with this questioning, always say, "yes."

By the way, did everyone notice last month how John and Vivian have changed?

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THE LUCKY 13

by Officer Gail Ryan
Newton Division

Vacation time is almost over. School is about to start. And, while everyone is looking forward to early fall activities, Newton officers are winding down from a hot summer in the inner city, where, throughout the months of May to September, Shoot'n Newton lived up to its name time and time again. Starting on May 19th, Officers **Morales** and **Lagunas** received a "211 (robbery) Just Occurred" call at 1889 E. Sacramento Street. After interviewing the victim, who stated he had been held up at gun point by two suspects, they went in search of the evil doers. Not only had the suspects taken the victim's money, hit him in the head, but they had fired a shot at him from the 9mm they carried. Given a description of the vehicle the suspects were driving, the officers did a DMV check and found out the vehicle was registered to 916 E. Adams Boulevard. They went to the location and observed the suspects. The officers requested backup, and when Sgt. **Gordon** and Officers **Seeget** and **Loo** arrived they were able to take the suspects into custody and recover the money without incident.

On June 6th, at 11:30 p.m., Officers **Theresa Coyle** and **Raphael Ferrer** were patrolling Adams and Compton when they observed a jogger carrying a sawed off shotgun. When the suspect realized he was being followed by the police he dumped the shotgun in a dumpster and tried to escape on foot. However, Officers **Coyle** and **Ferrer** were quick to defuse the situation and took the suspect into custody without incident. Further investigation revealed three victims who had just been robbed at gunpoint by the suspect. The suspect was arrested and booked for armed robbery.

In addition to these two incidents, numerous others occurred along with weekly gang shootings. One gang shooting in particular stands out. Two members of the same gang were eating and playing with a sawed-off shotgun while planning their next crime

spree. As one member pointed the gun at the other in jest, he stated be careful it could go off. And, it did, killing the one gang member. Oh well, nobody said criminals were very smart.

Throughout the summer months the camera crew from the upcoming new police show for the fall of 1995, "LAPD," has been riding along with Newton CRASH officers, filming crime as it happens. But, on July 19th, they were filming elsewhere, when two Newton CRASH officers made national news. A major shooting incident for the summer occurred for LAPD. Officers **Augustine Caballero** and **Gregory Kading** were approaching the guard shack at Piper Tech, when several hysterical city employees ran up to them yelling that a man with a gun had just shot four employees and was still on site at Piper Tech. These employees directed the officers to the suspect's location. As Officers **Caballero** and **Kading** put out a call for backup, they followed the armed suspect to an access road by the railroad tracks. The suspect tried to hide behind a cement barrier at this time. After several intense moments of negotiating with the suspect, he gave up, and the officers were able to take him into custody without incident, recovering the 9mm auto that he had used to kill four city employees.

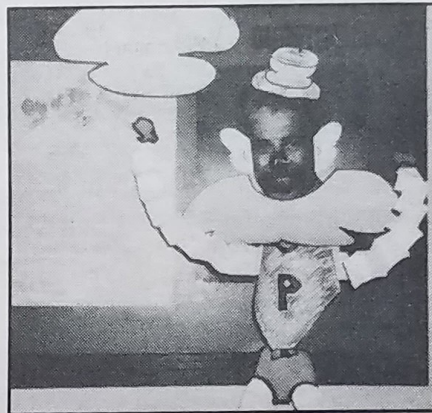
Officers **Caballero** and **Kading**, without hesitation and without regard for their own safety, dealt with an extremely volatile situation in a cool and decisive manner far and above the normal call of duty. For this act of bravery they are to be commended.

On the Lighter Side!!

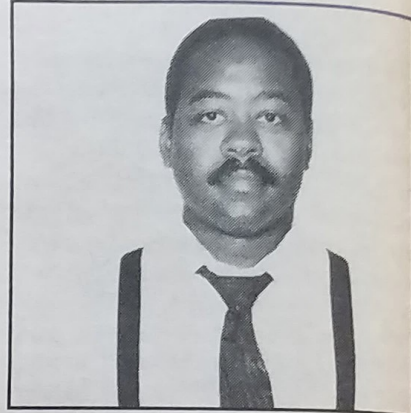
Newton CRASH Officer **Lisa Crawford** was honored at a dinner held at the Biltmore on June 23rd. She was named Newton's 1995 recipient of Councilman **Richard Alatorre's** "City Angel Award."

Congratulations to Captain **James Tatreau** and his wife Lt. **Tammy Tatreau** on the birth of their second daughter, **Tatum**, on July 14th.

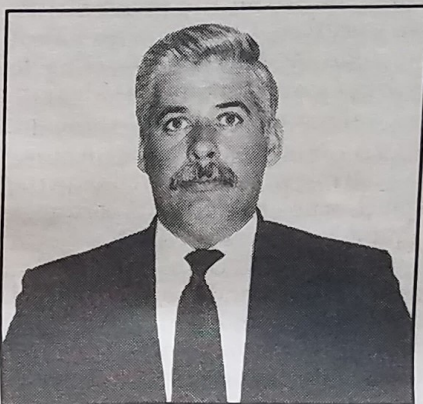
And, to custodian **Donald Harris** and his wife, **Patricia**, on the



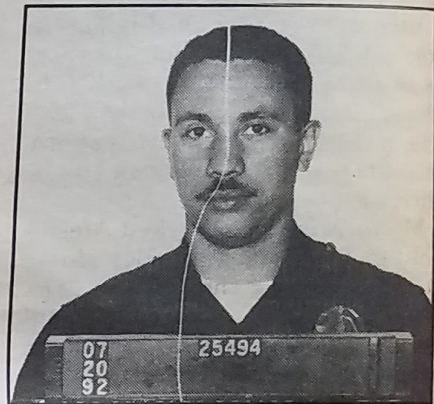
Det. 2 Pirro's Det. of Quarter picture in hallway. Some think he's a clown.



P2 Larry Johnson May NTN Ofer.



Det. 2 Jerome Pirro NTN Det. of Quarter.



P2 Kevin Jolivet June NTN Ofer.

birth of their third daughter, **Shawtell**, on June 14th.

Best wishes to Lt. **Clay Ferrell**, Newton Detectives, on his marriage to P3 **Marie Olivo** of So. West Division in July. And, to P2 **Lonnie Menges** and P3 **Adam Schiffer** (So. Bureau Dope) on their June 17th wedding. They honeymooned with a cruise to the Bahamas.

Goodbye to Newton Officers P3 **Jay Hernando** and P3 **Vern Williams**. Both retired in July.

Tamara VanDuyn made P3+1. She is the second female officer at Newton Division to make P3+1. Congratulations "TJ."

Newton's slo-pitch baseball team took first place in the city finals. Good going guys.

The annual Newton picnic was held July 15th at the Harbor Range. As usual we had a good turn out, with everyone, especially the children, having a great time.

Congratulations to P2 **Larry Johnson** on being named Newton's Officer of the Month for May and to P2 **Kevin Jolivet** for being named June's Officer of the Month.

Det. 2 **Jerry Pirro** was selected Newton's Detective of the Second Quarter. Someone must have thought Jerry looked cute as the "Clown of the Quarter," because his picture in the hallway by detectives was decorated as such. Oh well!!

Former and now retired Newton Detective **Wayne Abernathy** stopped by for a visit in July. He's been retired almost five years now and finally just moved to Alabama. He's looking great.

Welcome to Lt. **Julie Nelson**. She's on AM's. Lt. Nelson is the fourth female lieutenant to serve at Newton Division and the third in Newton Patrol. Welcome aboard.

And finally, ground breaking ceremonies for a new Newton Police Station occurred on Monday June 26th at 32nd and Central Avenues. As citizens, officers and city dignitaries looked on, the mayor, chief, captains, and councilmembers put spade to dirt and broke ground for the station. Maybe a new station will be an actual reality in the next two years or so. Just maybe!

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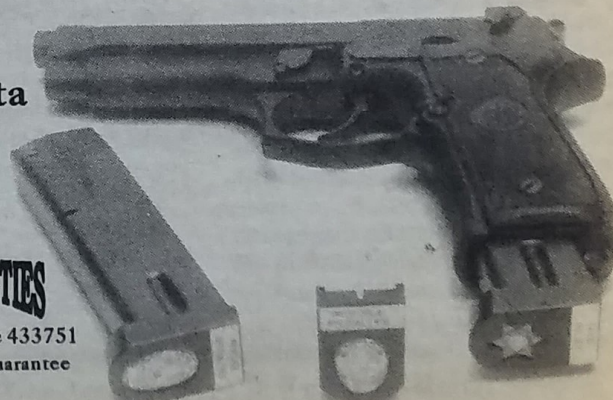
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All 'R'-Round Town

by Michael Albanese
Metropolitan Division

To date it has been a pretty uneventful summer. A little civil unrest in Hollenbeck, some 415 crowds at Venice Beach, days off changes to accommodate VIPs and the Unabomber, some protection details, more training — the ever changing pace continues at Metro.

Bio Section

Metro is soon to lose one of its most prominent officers. Lt. **Mike Hillmann** will be promoted to the rank of Captain in the immediate future (most likely by the time this article has been published).

Mike is one of the most high energy officers that anyone will ever have an opportunity to work for, and/or work with. He is truly a legend in law enforcement circles with respects to police training and innovative police tactics.

Metro Mike has worked Metropolitan Division as a police officer (1970, including the rank of 3+1), sergeant (1978) and lieutenant (1985). Even at the rank of police officer, Mike was considered a police pioneer. He developed and designed the model of the Department's Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT). This CNT Team model remains similar in design today, and has been replicated by many law enforcement agencies throughout the United States (including the FBI, which has now renamed their Hostage Negotiation Team to Crisis Negotiation Team). The training model and communication strategies that Mike introduced in 1976 are still considered the mainstay verbal tactics utilized during the negotiation process.

However, one of Mike's greatest achievements was to create the Mobile Field Force (MFF). In 1992 and 1993, Mike was responsible for coordinating and certifying the training of 6,700 officers in the MFF concept. In addition, he co-designed the Tactical Response Force for Metro and the Motor Strike Team for all Department motor officers. Commonly referred to as Camp Snoopy, Mike created a training forum that was the most significant Department training effort in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department. MFF training did not end in 1993; Mike and his staff have continued with the training at An-

gel's Camp in Long Beach where recruit MFF training, in-service MFF training, and MFF training for Departments throughout the United States is currently being conducted.

Prior to the civil unrest Los Angeles experienced in 1992, Hillmann developed a 40-hour block of training for all of Metropolitan Division. Mike's foresight instituted training for Tactical Support Elements and Rescue Elements that later played a meaningful role with regards to officer safety issues during the riots. Equally important, Mike secured the kevlar helmets and flak jackets for all Metro personnel that were deployed in the midst of the civil unrest.

In addition, Mike was the driving force in Operation Sunrise wherein 137 warrants were served throughout the Southern California area and his role in the numerous Operation Rescue engagements certainly cannot be understated.

However, in October of 1994, Mike's energy and absolute passion for locating and apprehending a "cop killer" was unmistakable. Chuck Heim's killer was ferreted out by Mike and his team due to their tirelessness and dogged determination.

Another dimension to Mike's personality is his commitment to police officers and their families at a time of grief. Specifically, his role in coordinating Chuck Heim's funeral. Mike and police funerals have been a part of his career with the Department. Mike coordinated Jimmy P.'s and Jack Christensen's funerals in years past. I mention Mike's role at funerals because here is a man that recognizes the absolute reverence for a police officer's death. A man who recognizes that a police family needs to know the importance of their loss and that the Department is truly a family at their time of need.

Mike's promotion will be a great loss for Metro. His unique approach to all aspects of police endeavors is unparalleled. We'll miss his energy and enthusiasm for both police work and Metro. He's a one-of-a-kind police officer that you only encounter once in a career. A word of advice for the Division that gets Mike as a captain — stand by, and buckle up for the ride!

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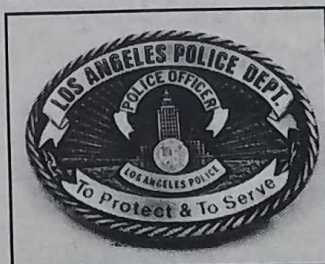
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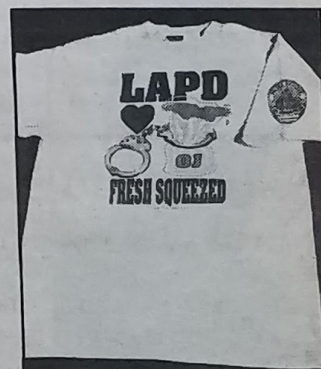


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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



Defense Rep Corner

by Sergeant Paul M. Weber
Officer Representative Section

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." — Theodore Roosevelt

Background

The Bureau of Investigation was founded in 1908, as the Justice Department's investigative arm. The Bureau was taken over in 1924 by a young, ambitious, and ruthless man by the name of J. Edgar Hoover. He molded it into the agency it is today. They acquired its present name in 1935 — Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

LAPD & FBI

The FBI is the lead agency in investigations of civil rights violations. They have personnel assigned to this unit who investigate police officers accused of civil rights violations. They share one thing in common — **none are former police officers!** They do this to avoid any possible conflict of interest or sympathy for the working street police officer. They acquire their knowledge of police work from FBI training and watching the TV shows like "Stories of the Highway Patrol" or "Cops."

If you become the subject of a civil rights violation investigation (or other federal crime), they will attempt to contact you. They will ask to meet you at your home or a neutral site. They do this because they want a free and voluntary statement to use against you in federal court. A statement obtained in one of these locations tends to suggest you met them because you wanted to. They will not tape record your statement

and will not do an interview if you attempt to tape it.

In the last few months the FBI has contacted several sworn members of this Department and in at least two cases they talked to them. These officers talked without an attorney and made no effort to contact the League for help. The officers did not call a Defense Rep and ask for advice! Never talk to the FBI without an attorney, always contact the League and tell them what's going on. Never waive your rights and never give a voluntary statement.

The FBI is not your friend and will do what it can to put you in federal prison. They have in the recent past placed three Los Angeles police officers in prison. They wanted to put officers who worked SIS and were involved in the Sunland McDonalds OIS into prison. The League provided legal representation and was able to prevent the filing of charges prior to the statute expiring.

I recently learned a lieutenant I like just quit the League. I want to strongly urge anyone who has dropped out of the League to reconsider. You may very well need the help of the League one day and if you are not a member you will regret leaving. You do not have to like the directors or all of its policies, but you should protect yourself and your family. We need to stand united to face the tough times ahead. Please have a safe and happy summer!

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Hollywood Happenings

by Kenneth M. Beck
Hollywood Division

Mike Kammert and **Jim Marshall** have been partners for a long time and are two of the most productive officers in Hollywood. It would be hard to give an accurate account of their escapades here, but conservative figures would put them around 639 GTA arrests and about 317 robbery arrests. They never fail to be top producers and if you ever needed a carpet laid, you could do a lot worse. During one burglary investigation, one of them was filling out the report as the other jumped down and started to fix the baseboard. Keep up the great work guys.

We finally got our own credit union ATM machine in the lobby. Yours truly was the first to try it out after it had just been installed. It was great — I asked for \$20 and it gave me \$200. I guess there are still a few bugs that need to be worked out.

COP Trivia Question: What was the year, make and model of the vehicle used in Starsky and Hutch? You must get all three to move to the bonus round.

The Explorers here at Hollywood have been doing an outstanding job lately. Six days a week they have been helping at various functions at the Hollywood Bowl. For about seven hours straight, in the hot sun without a break, they have helped out tremendously. Two of them, **Alex Ketsoyan** and **Omar Aquino** have received scholarships for their service. Keep up the great work people, we really appreciate it.

As you already know, there has been a heat wave doing its damage. There seems to be a direct relationship between the heat and the amount of crime. High temperatures have been the cause of short-tempered tempers and violent flair ups. Just the other day it was so hot that I saw two fire hydrants fighting over a dog.

Celebrity Corner — Mr. 1A12, Kent McCord came into our station the other day to fill out a report at the desk. We have been so short-handed that we tried to get him in a uniform again to handle a few radio calls. He was all for it, but it just didn't work out. Oh well, I guess we can still see him in action during re-runs.

COP Trivia Answer: 1974 Ford Torino.

Our mascot, Hairball, is doing well. A few flea dips and shots have made her fit and a little more healthy. We had placed a litter box outside for her, but I guess she hasn't quite figured it out, so we have this nice little reminder of her every time we go out back to light up. If this keeps up, we will have another good reason to stop smoking. It's not so much the smell as it is the burning of our eyes.

Like I have said before, we don't catch the smart ones. I took a grand theft report at the desk one day and one of the items taken was a Trek 930 bicycle. As I came to work about

three days later, I saw an ad on a board that someone wanted to sell a Trek 930 bicycle. With the help of **Debbie Willits**, we pulled the report, got a good description of the stolen bike then called the guy who put the ad up. He described the bike to me so I told him I was interested in buying it. He brought it to the station and it matched the stolen bike. The next thing you know is that I am getting a DR number for the arrest.

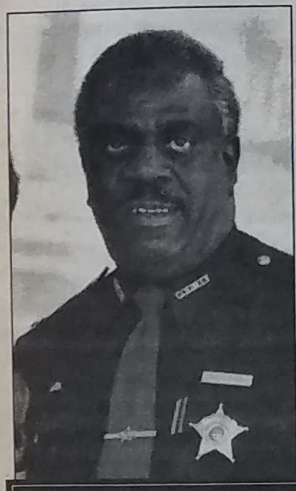
Our Community Relations Office is working hard to keep the Boys and Girls Club open. They are planning to have a Celebrity Billiards Tournament in November to help raise some money. WBC lightweight boxer **Gabriel Ruelas** showed up one day to give a hand and about 100 kids mobbed him asking for autographs and shaking his hand. **Dennis Barry** from Discounts Billiards is helping a lot and giving the utmost support. All in all, it should be a worthy event.

If you have ever seen the Far Side cartoon of the Midvale school for the gifted, you would have had a good chuckle here. A potential customer came to the station and started to push on our front door. The doors only open out and are always partially ajar due to the air conditioning. As she started to push on the door, it closed about six inches and stopped against the frame. She continued to push harder and harder as the desk officers were yelling at her to pull instead of push. They knew they could be heard as she looked up every time they called out. After awhile she leered at the officers and was heard to say, "You must be closed. It's locked," then turned and walked away. Maybe she will come back when she knows the difference between push and pull.

Every now and again we start to clean out the drawers and cubby holes at the desk and in the lobby. Over the course of time they get cluttered and need to be emptied out. We always seem to find some interesting articles. Property turned in that needed to be booked, dictionaries from detectives, manuals from the captain's office, bail out forms from bondsmen, Thomas guide from the watch commander and even an old stale jail burrito. We even found a stapler that was from Northeast Division and some computer disks from Foothill. There is no telling how, or what we will find laying around. Maybe that explains the NYPD patrol car in our parking lot.

This month's Homer Simpson DOH! award goes to arrestee Michael M. It seems that he was arrested for stealing six 350 pound transformers from a local power company. He stated that he needed to take the transformers for a time machine he was building so he could travel into the future to get winning Lotto numbers. He would then return to buy a ticket. Everything was going great for him until he tried to hook them all up and blew up his house.

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by Edwina Romero
and Andrey Wilkins
West L.A. Division

Congrats (Movin' Up)

P3 Officer **Guzman**, 25887, P3 Officer **Jones**, 25043, P3 Officer **Mack**, 26483, P3 Officer **Glorioso**, 27775.

Welcome

Sgt. **Roller**, 15896, Det. **Landtiser**, 22236, P3 **McNally**, 25290, P2 **Hoffman**, 30708, P2 **Rossin**, 30734, P1 **Reilly**, 31452.

We'll Miss Ya

Sgt. **Palmer**, 24886, Det. **Jenks**, 25097, Det. **Deschryver**, 23133, P2 **La Grassa**, 30712, P2 **Burns**, 30543, P2 **Baca**, 30690.

The Side Handle Baton, an Old Tool Back in Use at W.L.A.

On August 1-3, West Los Angeles had eight hours of training to reinforce the baton as a tool for the patrol officer. The training included Department approved baton techniques which included the power draw, forward/reverse spin, power strokes and rear draw.

The training was headed by Sgt. **Mike Diaz** (O.W.B./T.S.T.). Sgt. Diaz stated that officers must practice baton techniques on a regular basis to maintain proficiency.

West Los Angeles Commanding Officer Captain **Kurth** stated at training that all West Los Angeles patrol officers must have their side handle baton on them at all times. He also stated he would back any officer 100 percent if the officer uses the baton as taught by the Department.

The training day also consisted of vehicle pullovers, handcuffing, as well as weapon retention.

We would also like to give a pat on the back to the training crew at West Los Angeles for their assistance (Sgt. **Abney**, Officer **Platt**, Officer **Guzman**, Officer **Morena**, Officer **Raffish**, Officer **Enbody**, Officer **Thompson**, Officer **Cunningham**, Officer **Perrodin** and Officer **Oshea**).

Community Based Policing at Work

On July 27, 1995, at 2053 hours, Officer **Cunningham**, 16029, and Officer **Hahm**, 30825, received an "out of the ordinary phone call." The phone call advised the officers of the location of two murder suspects.

Officers **Cunningham** and **Hahm** conducted a follow-up to the suspect's location. The suspects were described as (suspect 1) Victor Salcedo, M/H, 5'9"-5'10", 150 lbs., possible mustache, wears dark glasses. (Suspect 2) Irene Stevens, F/W, 5'2", 120 lbs., long black curly hair, they are accompanied by two children.

As officers arrived to the location, they immediately observed the suspects. Officer **Cunningham** and **Hahm** tactically approached the suspects (not aware if the suspects were armed), and without further delay were able to take the suspects into custody.

The suspects were wanted for murder by Salinas Police Department and had a million dollar warrant for their arrest. A JOB WELL DONE!

by Candy Holmstedt
Southeast Division

Southeast, Where Success is More Than Just a Name of a Street

I'd like to thank the people who responded to my plea in my last article for help with stories about patrol for the Blue Line.

At Southeast it is common for personnel to come and go in the night without much notice. But we have had some recent departures of personnel that have left a huge vacancy in the hearts of everyone here.

First, we lost the one person who has always been synonymous with Southeast since its opening in 1978. Anyone who has ever worked or passed through Southeast has probably been guided or helped by her. She was the real backbone of the station and could always be counted on when things fell apart. Her shoes will be hard to fill. As you know, I'm talking about none other than **Bessie Wallace** who retired in early July after forty years of service to the city of Los Angeles. Bessie, we'll truly miss you.

Next, we lost **Lonnie Salzman**. He just sat down one day with his wife and went over the numbers and figured out he could do just fine, then came in and retired. Lonnie was dedicated to Southeast and its success for over 15 years. He planned many a training day and was a strong supporter of the Southeast running team.

Lonnie's claim to fame was his pioneer work on the successful campaign to stop gunfire on New Year's Eve. His retirement party is planned for September 15. You can contact Sgt. **Peter Vanson** for more information.

Last, but not least, was Detective **III Duane Marvin** who retired after 30 years of service. He was the Southeast juvenile coordinator and a colorful member of the infamous Southeast male bonding club (females are welcome too) that meets every morning in the parking lot about 0830 hours. Duane's plans are to do nothing during retirement. I'm probably the one that is most happy about Duane's retirement because I got his job and a big pay raise too. Thanks Duane!

Southeast's most eligible bachelorette, **Susan Haynes**, is no longer available. On August 5 she tied the knot at Kum Ran United Methodist Church in Gardena. Her new husband is Garry Gordon who is smart enough not to be an employee of this Department. Their first stop was the Las Vegas Police Games where Susan competed in bowling. Next, they were off to a romantic cruise down the Mexican coast. You may now address Susan as Officer Gordon. Officer Gordon works in Community Relations and will gladly except wedding gifts. She has promised to provide wedding photos for the next issue of the Blue Line.

Remember, if you have something interesting for the Divisional Reporter just bring it to me and I'll write it up for the next article. The due date is the 5th of each month and the article will appear in the following month's issue.

As always, there is room for one more here at Southeast: a Supervisor in Records, a Sergeant II AWC and a DIII (oops, sorry I got that job).

Blues at 11

by Allison Sutherland
Northeast Division

Hello again from Northeast Division. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our three new PSRs working the desk, **Pam Allensworth** and **Loretta Washington** while **Teri Ortiz** is working Detectives. Glad you're here! (Anyone with juicy info about the "new kids," just let me know!)

Everyone knows the Academy (the REAL academy, not the training facility) is here in Northeast, so I would also like to officially welcome Sgt. **Nick Titiriga**, Officers **Brian Owen** and **Mona Romas** to the Reserve Unit. (I've also had the pleasure of meeting "Sgt. T's" three sons, Doug, Greg and Matt. When I first saw them, I thought recruits were just getting younger and younger.)

I missed out on the advertised "road kill" from the last N/E barbecue, but the hot links and the chicken were great! I guess you

have to be among the first in line for the specials.

N/E Reserves had a recruiting booth at the SFV Fair and Rodeo ... I heard it was HOT! (Temperature-wise, I mean). The rest of us were ensconced in mandatory training of Bloodborne Pathogens and Sexual Harassment. Considering both topics are rather dry, boring and dull, I must say Sgt. **Deranian** and Lt. **Perez** did fine jobs of keeping our interest. We thank you, sirs.

Although I don't have any names, I want to wish all the members of the LAPD Volkslauf Team good luck! This year's event will be held on September 8 at Tustin Marine Corps Air Station. With all the base closures scheduled for California, this could very well be the last Volkslauf ever ... so go out there and cheer on the LAPD team!!

Finally, to all who are taking the promotional exams, good luck! I know you're studying hard and giving it your best.

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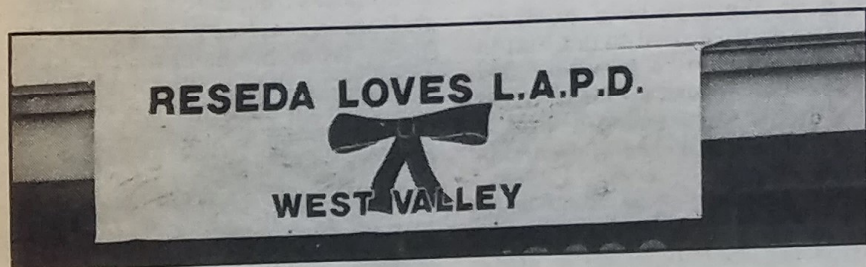
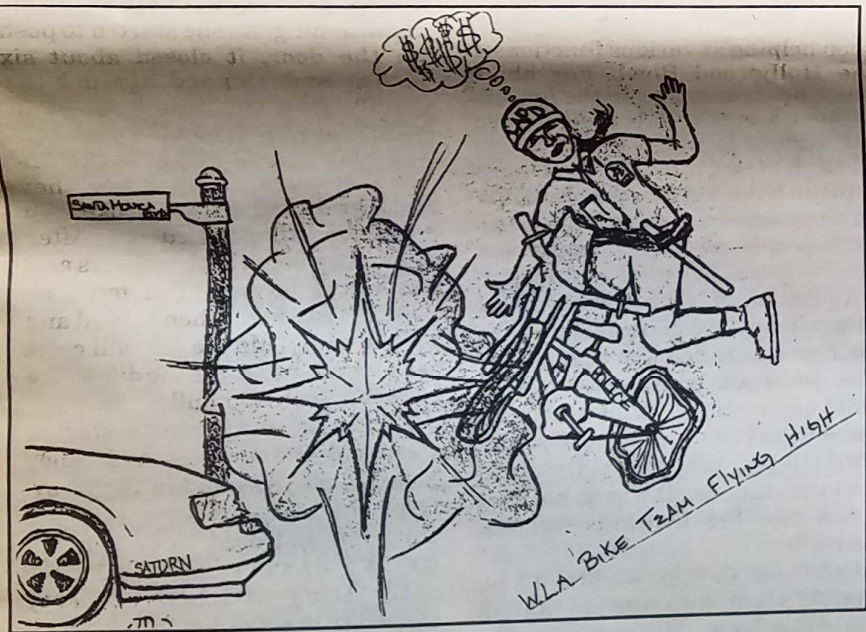


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The Reseda community provided a blue ribbon banner to the West Valley station. The West Valley PM watch is led by Lt. Tony Alba.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



CTD



by Sergeant II
Herman Kaskowitz
Central Traffic Division

Comings and Goings

CTD is very pleased to welcome Officers **M. Jolicœur** (STD), **R. Jackson** (S/W), **W. Mays** (W.Val), and **M. Phelps** (N.Hwd).

We bid farewell to Officer **C. Valdivia** who was transferred to Personnel Division.

Change at the Helm

Captain II **Dave Smith** was recently promoted to Captain II and transferred into CTD. He spent the last two years at Central Division and from all the feedback and sad faces in the halls and rooms of Central, he'll be sorely missed. Dave really made a difference and was greatly appreciated by all. With this promotion, comes another for CTD's Skipper Captain II **Richard C. Wemmer** who was promoted to Captain III and transferred to Van Nuys Division. Captain Wemmer's tenure at CTD was highlighted by the following: An eighth consecutive year of decreasing serious and

fatal traffic collisions; Created a Traffic Safety Unit that contacted 14,000 people throughout OCB's diverse communities in 1994 (So far, for 1995, this unit has already met with over 30,000 people from OCB neighborhoods.); The Traffic Safety Unit developed a videotape that addresses zero tolerance for juveniles who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs (It has already received significant recognition from law enforcement at the local, state and federal levels.); In 1994, CTD personnel issued the most citations in the city — 82,892 which reflects the exemplary work by all CTD officers; CTD has the highest compliance rate in the city with the state's training compliance requirements (1995's training efforts alone provided CTD personnel with 9,752 hours of training.); In 1994, CTD celebrated its 20th anniversary as a division and received a city council resolution for its community and traffic safety contributions; In 1995, CTD's volunteer, Dr. L. Murillo, was nominated by the Department for the state's highest volunteer award; In

1994, making a difference in the lives of the children in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit of Children's Hospital, Los Angeles. (The cash and gift certificates for these children helped to make the difference for them and their families.)

Although there is much more to cite, what needs to be said is that CTD is proud of all of their accomplishments. Despite difficult times and personnel shortages, CTD employees made the difference. Their performance and leadership are without equal. Captain Wemmer, you have given us much and allowed us to grow. Our best wishes to you in your future.

T/C But All is Well

During the month of July, two of our motor officers were involved in traffic collisions that could have easily resulted in major injuries or worse. Officer **J. Wong's** motorcycle was hit by a runaway tire and Officer **R. Moore** was almost sandwiched by two cars. Both officers were riding on their freeway when the collisions occurred (separate incidents) and left a lot of themselves imbedded into the pavement when they came to rest. Their vests were credited for minimizing their injuries. Additionally their Olympian form and style as they slid and tumbled on the roadway proved beneficial. Wong is back to work and Moore, who knows the pain of extreme road rash, is still recuperating at home. Both officers expressed a heartfelt thanks for being alive and for all the calls and best wishes.

Project Safe Baby

On July 14, 1995, Central Traffic Division's (CTD) Community Traffic Safety Unit (CTSUS) conducted Project Safe Baby in conjunction with Midas Mufflers and Brakes. The purpose of this program was to educate the Hollenbeck community and promote the proper usage of child car restraints and seat belts for children.

The operation began with a news conference held in front of El Sereno Jr. High School promoting Project Safe Baby. The keynote speaker was Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alatorre who explained the project to the news media and attending El Sereno community leaders.

Immediately following the news conference, a seatbelt, child car restraint checkpoint was conducted in front of El Sereno Jr. High School with the aid of Hollenbeck Area personnel. Literature was provided to passing motorists in English and Spanish informing the benefits of utilizing a child car restraint and its proper usage. Midas Brakes and Mufflers donated child car restraints to motorists who drove through the checkpoint and did not have their child secured in a child car restraint.

Project Safe Baby was a success due to the preparation, coordination, and hard work of all involved. The work of these officers has directly resulted in a safer and better traffic educated community which reflect the finest tradition of the LAPD. All involved officers are to be commended for their professionalism, exemplary appearance, and communication skills.

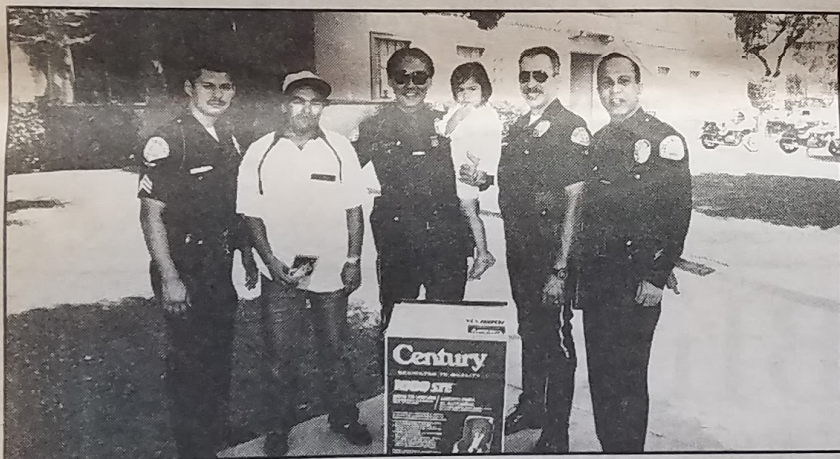
Those who participated in this event are:

Central Traffic Division

Lieutenant **D. Singh**, Sergeant **W. Bustos**, Police Officer II+II **J. Wong**, Police Officer II+II **P. Navarro**, Police Officer II+II **S. Shyy**, Police Officer II **G. Pedroza**.

Hollenbeck Division

Sergeant II **R. Faulkner**, Sergeant I **M. Peterson**, Police Officer III+I **D. Roman**, Police Officer II **A. Carlisle**, Police Officer I **P. Corkrey**, Police Officer I **J. Duggan**.



Project safe baby.

Training Division

by Ruben De La Torre
Training Division

A question that is frequently asked is, "How is the new training facility (Recruit Training Center) being used

to train recruit officers?" Well, every new recruit class begins its training at the new training facility. They spend their first 16 weeks receiving training in the areas of Criminal Investigations, Law, Tactics, Physical

Training, Human Relations, and Spanish. Their last 12 weeks are spent at Training Division where the recruit class is broken down into smaller groups. These groups continue with their training which includes Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Traffic, and First-Aid. There is a misconception that recruit officers receive no physical training at the new facility. Nothing could be further than the truth. Physical Training is emphasized at both facilities. Until the new training facility and the forthcoming Firearms Training Center are fully operational, this will be the method of training.

Traditionally, it has been the responsibility of TD to provide training to both in-service personnel and recruit officers. As of August 6, 1995, in-service training will fall under the umbrella of the recently developed In-Service Training Division. This Division will be guided under the leadership of Captain II **Richard Eide**. We wish Captain Eide success in his new assignment.

TD lost several outstanding people in the month of July due to promotions and retirement. First, **John**

O'Connell was promoted to the rank of Captain I and is headed to Central Division. Our loss is Central's gain. We wish Captain O'Connell a lot of luck and success in his new assignment. Sergeant II **Jerry Powell** OIC of the Emergency Vehicle Operations Center has retired and will be working for the FORD Corporation. Sergeant Powell will be missed not only by TD, but by the Department as well. Sergeant Powell was instrumental in the development of programs, such as Peer Counseling, Drug Recognition Evaluation, and the Chaplain Program. Jerry, we thank you for your vision and leadership. God bless you. Officer **Patricia Milewski** was selected to fill a P3 training position at Hollywood Division. Patricia's bubbly personality will be missed. Good luck and much success.

In our next article we will provide you with information regarding Firearms Training and Sergeant Dossey's obstacle course. Until then stay safe and remember, "No person is a failure who is enjoying life."

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Rampage



by Officer George Brietigam
Rampart Division

The rapport between Rampart detectives and patrol officers is probably the best in the city. It is this spirit of cooperation and the hard work of both the officers and detectives that has led to the apprehension of many criminals and the reduction of many crime trends in the division. One incident that stands out occurred April 19, 1995.

Senior Lead Officer **James Devito** was on patrol in the area of Council Street and Heliotrope Drive. Officer Devito observed two suspects stripping a Toyota Celica and a Datsun 800 SX. Officer Devito detained the suspects and conducted an investigation of the scene. Officer Devito's investigation revealed the Toyota Celica was a Northeast Division stolen and both the suspects were arrested and booked. Detective **Robert Leon** was assigned the case and began interviewing the suspects. During the interview one of the suspects admitted he had been working as crime partners with the other suspect for over six months. The suspect then admitted his participation in stealing the Toyota, and stated he and the other suspect committed four to five BFMV's a day during the six months. Detective Leon was able to locate and clear 73 BFMV reports. This gave the division a 51% clearance rate and the arrest resulted in significant reduction of reported BFMV's in the division. Both officer Devito's and Detective Leon's skill and hard work has had a dramatic impact on the lives of the community they "protect and serve."

Citizen Patrol

Rampart officers, don't be surprised if a citizen holding a small radio approaches you while on a

radio call and directs you to the suspect. Rampart has just started a citizen patrol project. The citizen patrol consists of 20 amateur ham radio operators who volunteer to patrol the community under the guidance of police officers. The citizens patrol acts as the eyes and ears of the police and reports any information they gather to the police. The first month of this program has had tremendous results. The citizen patrol has been instrumental in five felony arrests and the removal of two handguns from the streets.

Rampart Detective Division

The new Rampart Detective Building located at 303 S. Union Avenue is now open. All officers are welcome to stop by for a cup of coffee or the grand tour. Remember detectives are available during day and night hours for booking approvals.

Fresh Meat

Rampart welcomes newcomers Sgt. **E. Ortiz** from Metro, P3 **C. Kruse** from Wilshire, and P2s **M. Dickerson**, **D. Gomez**, and **O. Veloz** from Personnel. Rampart welcomes back P3 **I. Ornelas** from Northeast Division.

National Night Out

by Alex Granados

On August 1, 1995, Rampart held its 2nd Annual National Night Out. For those of you not familiar with this event it started 13 years ago in Pennsylvania as a way of sending a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organizing and fighting back. It has since grown to 26.5 million people participating in all 50 states, military bases and Canadian cities.

Last year Rampart Division paved the way to become the first police station in Los Angeles to organize and participate in this annual event. This year Hollywood, Central, Northeast and Hollenbeck organized their own event.

The Rampart event started with SLO's organizing the citizens in their area and meeting at six designated areas in Rampart. It was the largest gathering of neighborhood watch groups in the history of Rampart area. The groups then walked to Rampart Station carrying signs and banners where free hot dogs, hamburgers and live entertainment awaited them. This was no small feat considering there were three thousand participants.

Rampart would like to thank Officer **Wong** and his army of volunteers (which are too many to name) for the long hours they put in to make this event a success. Additional thanks are due for our Rampart Explorers, Rampart Reserve Officer **Joel Miller**, DOT, and last but not least, thanks to all our Rampart personnel who helped out in the event.

For those of you that remember the last of the gunfighters **Dan Burzumato**, I know you'll be as shocked as I was to find out he accepted the position of manning the Wilshire Substation, 3442 Wilshire Boulevard. On any weekday you can find Dan sitting at his desk watching office workers (politically correct) walk by. He gets kind of lonely waiting for someone to walk in and tell his war stories to. If you stop by and he starts a sentence "I remember this one time . . ." RUN! So if you want to chat with Dan, call 1-800-RETIRED.

Last but not least, belated congratulations to Sgt. **Arellano**, AKA Gumby, and Sgt. **Thomas** on their promotions. Best of luck in your new divisions. Also, we lost our Rampart reporter **Manny Ortega** who transferred out from

the castle to the warehouse (Northeast). The last report from Manny was that he now has steady hours and his children know who he is. We'll miss you Manny.

And we would be remiss in failing to mention another of Officers **Liddy's** and **Harper's** rather lengthy and involved capers. It seems that they were in the area of Pep Boys on Washington Boulevard. Lo and behold a gold Monte Carlo tears out of the lot, blacked out, and, of course, at a high rate of speed. Being the conscientious, traffic minded officers, they gave chase and stopped it. Imagine their surprise when the driver and passenger (gang members to be sure) exited full of fresh blood and giving "the scared rabbit, about to run" look. A quick check found them to be lacking any injuries.

The always helpful Officers **Montoya** and his partner **Reade** cruised by Pep Boys, found a seriously wounded victim, who had been stabbed, beaten, robbed and left for dead. An expedient field line-up was held and the two occupants were unequivocally identified.

As if that weren't enough (nothing is ever enough in Rampart), the thorough Officer **Bertino** and his side kick Officer **Anthony** sought out Liddy and Harper. They described a particularly brutal 211 they were investigating not far away, where one victim was prone out and then repeatedly hit over the head with a metal pipe. Although this victim could not I.D., the other victim could.

Liddy told Bertino to come on down, the more the merrier. Yes the two predators were again, as they say, positively I.D.'d.

Good job all around and another run of the mill Rampart caper that all too often goes unnoticed.

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NoHo News

by Adolfo Godinez
North Hollywood Patrol

Hello from our little corner in the valley. We've been away for a while so let's catch up.

Sudden Departures

I'd like to take a few moments to wish my best to retired Sgt. II **John Stilo**, #15878, who pulled the pin on his 25th anniversary with no advance notice which to say the least caught a few people by surprise. I first met John when I arrived here over a year ago and immediately found him to be a good guy who was genuinely concerned for his troops and was ready and willing to go to bat for them. I always got a kick when John talked to the arrestees on the bench in his deep "mafioso" voice and they would totally unravel thinking he was going to have them for breakfast. John is now working for Universal MCA in their corporate security and is supposedly making mucho bucks. Good luck in all your future endeavors and thanks for your past help.

Of course, with John leaving that opened up a "AWC" spot which after several orals being given, the very

able Sgt. **Thomas Toutant**, #21124, became our newest Sergeant II. Sgt. Toutant has been at North Hollywood for a few years (an understatement to say the least) and is a very competent supervisor who knows his stuff. Sgt. Toutant will be coming over to morning watch and from what I hear, can't wait to start. Congratulations once again.

Careful with Knives!

We here at North Hollywood are fortunate to have a whole bunch of hard working blue suiters who make some excellent arrests. I'm going to mention some of those which I remember or are so outrageous that they deserve some mention, so here goes.

PM Watch Officers **Rowedder** and **Guardardo** were cruising the area of Lankershim and Runnymede when they observed a street 211 in progress at the payphone. When suspect 1 saw the officers, he quickly gave the victim back his money (no harm, no foul?) and started to walk away. Suspect 2 meanwhile quickly disposed of his handgun and tried to blend into the sidewalk. Both suspects were in a total state of shock that two of

North Hollywood's finest took them down so quick. Great arrest!

New Arrivals

Congratulations are in order to two of our officers who had new arrivals to their respective families. Officer **Debbie Potter** gave birth to a healthy and handsome Kyle James Potter who made his entry on July 29, 1995 at 8 lbs. 8 ozs. Not to be outdone, Officer **Rick Kehr** and wife gave birth to Shane Alan Kehr who came into this world on July 21, 1995 at 7.4 lbs. and 20"

long. Congratulations to both and try not to lose too much sleep.

Final Note

Belated thanks and congratulations to our four outstanding running teams that participated in the memorial run. We here at North Hollywood have a special remembrance for fallen officers **Tina Kerbrat**, **Jim Beyea**, **Thomas Williams** and **Steven Albers** who paid the ultimate price in doing their job.

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More Divisional Reporter on next page

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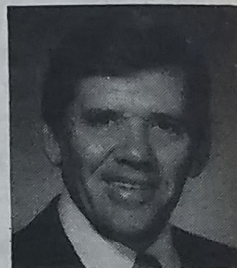
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News From Way Out West BIG "10"

by Donald J. Goossens
West Valley Division

Gooooood Mornning From West Valley!!

I have not written anything about West Valley for two months so I first must apologize to my dedicated readers. The U.S. Navy decided that the Panama Canal needed my attention for three weeks. I was on a little Patrol Boat breathing air that was so humid I felt like I was in a hot steam bath. I actually looked forward to returning to L.A. It feels great to be back in a black and white instead of a green fiberglass boat with machine guns everywhere. Don't get me wrong, I love my country and serve her proudly. I only wish they would let me serve her in the Bahamas, England or maybe Club Med, anything but Panama. Anyway, I am glad to be back.

First we have some people leaving us for supposedly greener pastures...

Det. **Ken Francik** is off for AVD. Det. **Jayne Vermaat** is off for Hollywood. Sgt. **Carrodine** and **Shawn "He's a GOD" Williams** are off for South Traffic. Sgt. **Andrew Nieman** is leaving us to go to PRD. Our two newest P3s **Michael Fraser** and **Tony Vilardo** are off to OO. **Carl Shaw** is off to Foothill. **Mike Braun** is going to Van Nuys. **Willie Mays** is off to CTD.

Sorry to see so much talent and good friends leaving but we wish you the best.

Now coming in we have Det. **Dennis Ciciconi** from BAD. Det. **Thomas Hickey** is in from Wilshire. Det. **Bernadette Kilgore** is coming in from North Hollywood.

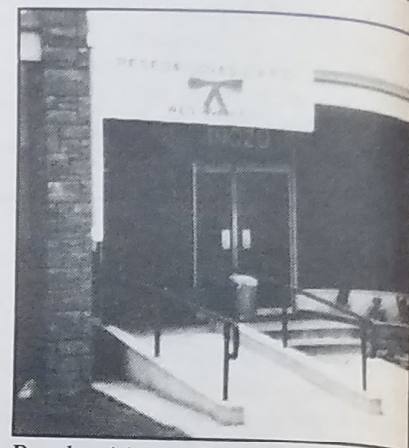
Sgt. **Scott Mallory** is N/B from S/W. **Darrell Van Roy** is in from Devonshire. **Alison Alexander** is in from Hollenbeck. **Carlos Barrios** is from Newton. **Myron Brooks** is leaving Foothill. **Gino Calello** and **Ronald Lagrassa** are both coming in from West L.A. Good luck to you all, and welcome to the best division in the LAPD.

For all you new people, there are good capers. There are Commendable Copper capers. Just when you thought you had seen all kinds of capers, comes along, "really tuff copper capers!!" Here is an example of what I mean...

A murder suspect was identified by Det. **Quinones (Q)** who in turn sent the dogs of hell (CRASH) after the bad guy. Sgt. **Al Sorkness** (Sergeant of the Year, alright everybody quit bowing to the east) decided that he would send **Glenn Jackson** and **Brian Myers** out to find this fine young individual for a gang called ECF (Every Convict's Fantasy) or something like that. They tracked him down using every resource they had and ended up catching him without any problems. The gangbanger's buddies called Q up and threatened to kill him if he testified but Q didn't bat an eye. We did though, you should see cops dive for cover as they plug their ears every time Q starts his car. Disgraceful!! I only did it once Q, honest. It was a great caper with all the bad guys caught and a lot of others identified. Great job CRASH folks and Q.

Here is one that will go down in history books. It seems that Det. **Mike Stanglund** and Det. **Bill Hofflund** were given the task of transporting a prisoner from Den-

ver, Colorado to L.A. They were all set to go like the professionals they are. Then **Marcia Brandon** gets involved. She calls Det. Stanglund and says she works for the Sheriffs office in Denver. Then she says that she wanted to make sure that Det. Stanglund had made the special arrangements for the suspect. "What special arrangement, stuff bad guy in the cargo hold on the plane, fly to L.A., put him in county?" asked a bewildered Det. Stanglund. "Well," says our sneaky PSR, "he is in a wheelchair and has a colostomy bag too!" A long painful moan was emitted into the phone by our detective. "Oh, Detective, he can't fly above 30,000 feet or the colostomy bag will burst." Pictures of our two detectives being showered with the contents of a colostomy bag filled Mike's head. Several detectives were in on this and due to a large bribe and death threats I can't say who, but they all went by and listened to Mike tell his tale of woe. Then they went out in the hall to drop down to the floor laughing. They took pity on Mike finally and told him of the joke. He took it very



Reseda citizens show their support by autographing then erecting this banner. It was flown with pride at our front door.

well. He laughed, threatened revenge on all involved, then got a gleam in his eye as he said, "You know, Bill is in court testifying, let's pull it on him!" SOME PARTNER!! Well, he did! They had poor Bill strung along for two whole hours before telling him the truth. It was a great joke and all who were involved had a good laugh.

This is the Goose and I'm clear...

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On Take Your Daughters to work day these young ladies came to West Valley. From left to right, Paul Bernal and his daughter Crystal, Joe Perez and his daughters Joy and Melody, Paul Sciarillo and his daughter Stephanie, Pat Murphy and his daughter Katie.

Division With A Mission

by Marie Tafoya
Central Division

Hello everyone. This should be a short article. I guess no news is good news, but here is what's been happening.

Watson Chases and Catches a Bank Robber

On Friday, August 4th, Senior Lead Officer **Ted Watson**, while on Code 7, was depositing his uniform check at the Bank of America located at 600 Wilshire Boulevard. Just kidding Ted... Here's the real story.

Officer Watson was on routine patrol and responded to a 211 silent call at the Bank of America. RTO broadcasted that it was a good 211 and gave the description of the suspect. Officer Watson was a half a block away and observed the suspect leaving the bank carrying a handful of money. The suspect, seeing the black and white, fled westbound Wilshire to Hope, northbound Hope to 6th, then eastbound on 6th. At this time, Ted

stopped his vehicle and pursued him on foot. The suspect was taken down mid-block on 6th between Hope and Grand by Officer Watson. All the bank's money (\$1,834.00) was recovered.

Loans to the Senior Lead Office

I have been advised by the Community Police Operations Unit, AKA the Senior Lead Office, that loans to their office are available when a Senior Lead Officer is on vacation. If interested, please see the OIC, Sgt. Mark or any SLO for information. Oh, I almost forgot to welcome Sgt. **Sam Mark** to his new position in the unit.

Farewell

Retired Officer **Miguel (Mike) Serafin**, serial number 16927, a fixture of Central Division for many years passed away July 19, 1995 at the age of 53. Mike was an active officer spending the majority of his police career working the streets. This street work took its toll on Mike. He was a friendly and knowledgeable officer and prior to his re-

tirement in May of 1993 he was of great assistance to the Central Watch Commanders. He was affectionately known as the Deputy Assistant Watch Commander. He will be missed.

Proud Grandpa

Congratulations Officer **Terry Cammack** on becoming a first time grandfather.

Central Area Picnic

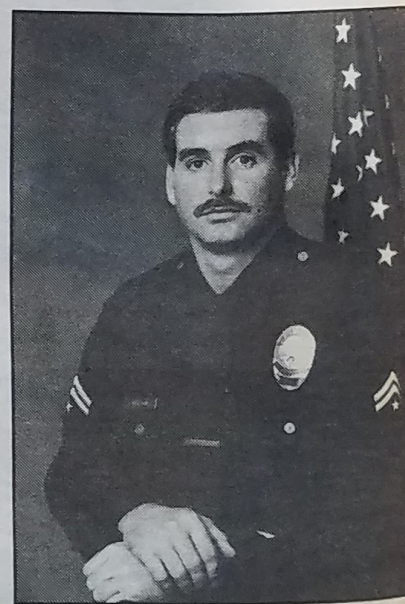
Don't forget to get your tickets for the picnic on September 16th. (Yes, this is the correct date.) Tickets are sold at the Watch Commander, Community Relations and Detectives. Price is \$5 per adults and \$3 for children two years and older. Contact Officer Age for further information at 485-6586.

Central Area Reunion

Central Area's REUNION will be held at the academy field on September 30th. (Yes, this is the correct date.) Sorry about the error last month. Price is \$15 for one, \$25 per couple. Don't miss a good time. It will be TEXAS BBQ with all the trimmings. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, contact Officer Alvarado at 485-6586.

Recent P-III Promotions

Congratulations to **Terri Jones**, **Mark Haro**, **Melvin Gamble**,



Ted Watson.

Robert Quihuis, **Joy Haro**, and **Danny Wong**.

That's it for now, except I would like to say goodbye to Captain **David Smith** and congratulate him on his upgrade to Captain II in Central Traffic Division.

Also, I would like to welcome our new Patrol Captain **John P. O'Connell** to Central.

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Down South (WEST, THAT IS)

by Freddy Arroyo
Southwest Division

On July 16, 1995, at 2215 hours, Officer **Terrell Peterson**, #14241, entered the Southwest roll call room for the final time as a police officer for the city of Los Angeles. Terry Peterson became a police officer on 6/16/68 and served the last 13 years of his career at Southwest. Terry, with only 20 "bad" days over a 27 year career, has now decided to pull the pin and begin his retirement. Southwest Division wishes Terry the best of luck as he now begins a new life.

Summer Games

Congratulations to Officers **Gerald Woodyard** and **Kyle Kirkman** for their recent performance at the Police Summer Games which were held in Modesto, California, between June 24 and July 1, 1995.

Gerald participated and won a gold medal in the 4X100 meter relay,

a silver medal in the 4X400 meter relay, and a bronze medal in the 100 meter sprint. Kyle took the silver medal in the toughest cop alive competition and a bronze medal in the arm wrestling competition.

Promotions

Southwest Division became a very busy place for promotions during the month of July. Sgt. **J. Incontro** received his promotion to that of lieutenant and will be leaving Southwest and going to Hollenbeck Division. Congratulations are also extended to Officers **D. Bender**, **M. Bygum**, **M. Cryer**, **L. Elias**, **A. Huerstel**, **D. Rubi**, and **J. Willey** who promoted to P3.

Comings and Goings

At Southwest Division we are both saddened and happy for the recent promotion of Sgt. **J. Incontro** to the rank of lieutenant. We wish him the best of luck at Hollenbeck Division



Photography by Freddy Arroyo

Chris, Esther, Lt. Incontro, Phil, Rich, Chuck and John prior to "Roll Call."

where he will now begin his new home. Best of luck is also extended to Sgt. **S. Mallory** (WVAL), Officers **R. Jackson** (CTD), **M. Williams** (HOBK), **J. Norat** (HWD), **R. Rangel** (HWD), **B. Sheehy** (NHWD), and **J. Hoffman** (WLA).

We welcome to Southwest Division Officers **K. Moore** (PAC), **I. Ford** (NEWT), **A. Lin** (HWD), **B. Martin** (FTHL), **D. Tyson** (WVAL), and **K. Gutierrez** (HWD). We know that your stay here will be an enjoyable one.

Southwest also experienced a change in leadership with the recent transfer of Captain **Koenig**. We wish Captain Koenig the best of luck as he promotes and leaves Southwest. We also welcome the return of Captain **Paul Marks**, who comes to Southwest from Narcotics Group. Captain Marks had previously been assigned to Southwest as a sergeant several years back.

Wedding bells tolled at Southwest Division recently when Officer **Claudia Lomeli** took to the aisle and got married to Deputy **Rocky Sapien** on May 27, 1995. Claudia and Rocky then enjoyed a week long hon-

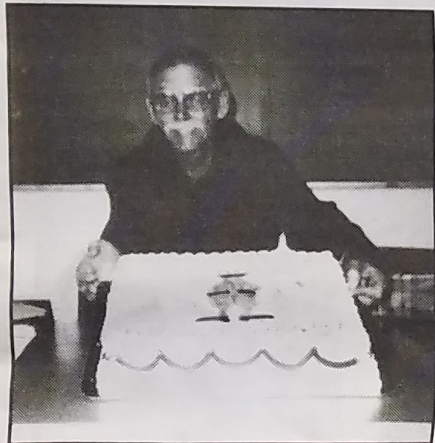
eymoon in the Virgin Islands. According to Claudia's partner, **Alex Ortiz**, Deputy Sapien drives those big LASD transportation buses and that may have been how they both met. Best of luck always to the happy newlyweds.

Beach Bash '95

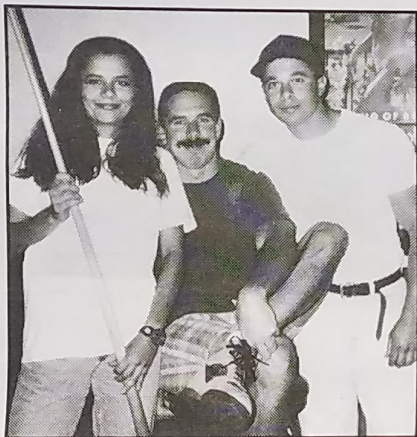
On August 6, 1995, Southwest Division held its annual picnic at Will Rogers Beach. The event was again well organized by Officer **John Long** who did a great job in all the preparations. Officers **Henry** and **McMaryion** did their best in the kitchen to satisfy all the hungry folks with ribs, chicken, burgers, and all the other side dishes.

The event was an overall success with everyone enjoying the sun, the water and some beach soccer and volleyball. Beach Bash '95 also served as the farewell for Captain Koenig who now leaves us for his new assignment at DSD. Captain Koenig was presented with a plaque, a S/W jacket and a CRASH mug as tokens of our appreciation for the great job he's done the past two years.

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Terry Peterson at his last "Roll Call."



Ninette, Danny and Joe taking pool lessons.

Pacific Breeze

by Patti Sutton and
Katie Sloan
Pacific Division

L.A.'s Finest Retires

On July 13, 1995, Pacific Division celebrated the retirement of one of her favorite sons, **Dennis Barbello**. The retirement dinner was held at the Academy and it was attended by LAPPL Director **Dennis Zine**, Commander **LeGarra** and Deputy Chief **Bostic** among other guests. The master of ceremonies was Lt. **Joe Peyton** who looked sharp in a tuxedo, not like a watch commander at all. Dennis was presented with a shadow box, an American flag and other gifts. After 25 years of working Metro, Jail, and Pacific Division, Dennis is retiring with his family to Colorado Springs, Colorado. We are all going to miss you! Good luck in your leisure years, you will always be one of L.A.'s finest.



Jerry and Shelley Bautista at their wedding day 7/1/95.

Pacific's Softball Team

On June 13 and 14, Pacific's softball team participated in the Red Davis Softball Tournament. The team showed true grit and determination as they captured victories against several teams during the final innings. Our team went on to finish a respectable fourth overall citywide. Our team was led by coach, **Jerry Bautista** who then took a much deserved vacation.

Pacific Romance

On July 1, 1995, Officer **Jerry Bautista** was wed to Shelley in a private ceremony at their home. They honeymooned on Catalina Island.

Pacific Officer Injured

Just three weeks after Jerry Bautista's wedding, he was seriously injured in a traffic accident on the way home from work. Commander **LeGarra**, Deputy Chief **Gascon**, Captain **Doan**, Lt. **Manion**, Officer **Sloan**, along with numerous other



Jorge Torres, Dennis Barbello and Dennis P. Zine.



First row, L to R: Katie Sloan, Jerry Bautista (coach), Robert Lee, Ron Stewart. Standing L to R: Kevin Lowe, Joe Terena, Jeff Ennis, Gabe Rodriguez, Ed Clark, John Borquez, Pete Llanes, J. D. Clifford. Not pictured: Eddie Diaz, Greg Staats, George Aitchison.

LAPD officers showed their concern and support by visiting Jerry at the hospital. Jerry was initially in intensive care unit (ICU) but has been transferred to a rehabilitation hospital. He is quickly improving beyond the doctor's expectations. We all wish Jerry a full and speedy recovery!

Welcome to Pacific

Pacific welcomes newcomers Sergeant II **Rick Wall**, P2 **Ashnault** and P2 **Flowers** from North Hollywood, P2 **Hale** and **Lewis** from Rampart, P2 **Long** from Southeast, and Probationers **Meezan** and **Stewart**. P2 **Mark Ramirez** (West LA) and P2 **Bob Toledo** (Hollywood) finally decided their trial run on loan was coming to an end. They just couldn't leave so they transferred in.

Congratulations to Det. 3 **Steve Barragan** for his upgrade from Detective 2! He now heads the Major Assault Crime (MAC) table.

See Ya Later!

Good luck to the following officers leaving Pacific Division: P3 **Judy**

Fitchpatrick to Devonshire, P3 **Steve Scallon** to Hollywood, P3 **Eddie Diaz** to Newton, P3 **Gary Dubois** to STD, P2 **Sterling Gordon** to DARE, P2 **Michelle Santilan** to Harbor, P2 **Kara Moore** to Southwest, P2 **Dennis Noone** to Van Nuys, P2 **Marcelo Raffi** and P2 **Tammy Waters** to 77th Division.

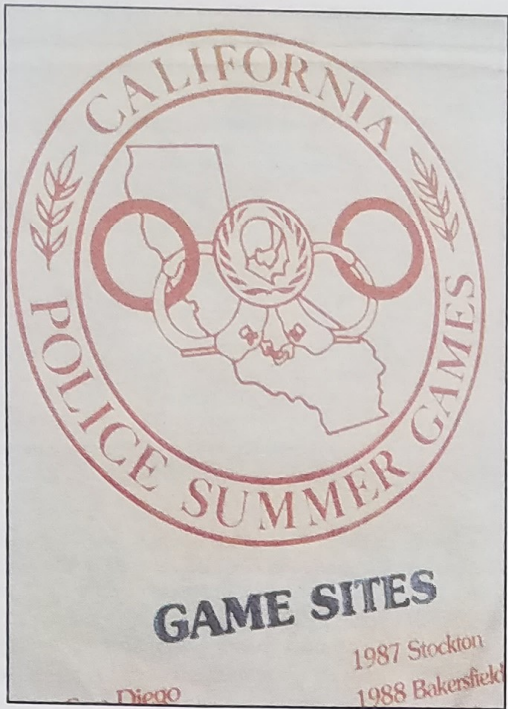
Correction to last month's issue, "**Jim Hensley**" left Pacific to work Narcotics Group (upstairs)!

We regret to announce the death of Clerk Typist **Kay S. Owings**, #B9415, Pacific Area, who passed away on Friday, July 7, 1995.

Kay Owings was born on July 29, 1938, in Athens, Ohio. She was appointed to the Department on November 17, 1979 and worked Records and Identification Division. Kay joined the Venice/Pacific Area on March 8, 1981 until her death on July 7, 1995.

Kay will be missed by all that knew her.

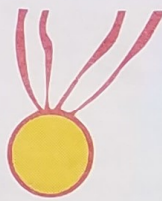
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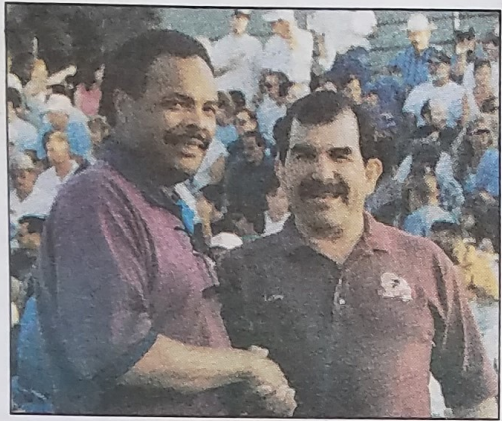
Pat McCarty with trainer



LAPD Red Softball Team



California Police Summer



Director Lenny Muñoz with former League member and ex-LAPD Captain, Paul Jefferson, presently the Chief of Police, Modesto P.D.



Daved Leaton, Chris Hughes, Ken Scott, Tim McRath



LAPD #1 5x5 Basketball Team



Coed Softball, LAPD Knights (Mole)



LAPD Basketball 3x3 Shooters



Women's Blue Team, Softball. Left to right, C. P. Thusing, E. Long, S. Lim, N. Alford, D. Lopez, A. McGrew, T. Luevanos. Front row, D. Shellen, S. Lee, L. Miller, A. Nevarez, K. Jones, I. Bow...



LAPD Blue Softball Team



LAPD Soccer Team (Barfield)



Tug-O-War, LAPD #1 Team



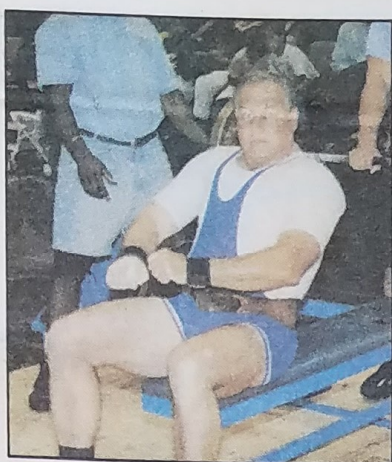
Men's Tennis, Bill Lovold



LAPD Track competitors, standing: Tim McRath, Robert Barnes, Greg White, Ken Scott, John Yim, Charlie Duke. Kneeling: Gerald Woodyard, Chris Hughes, Chuck Foote, Daved Leaton.



Pat McCarty



Rex Shields, Bronze Men's Grand Master 242



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LAPD Coed Softball Team (Williams)



Tug-O-War, LAPD #2



Left to right, Coach F. Miller, H. Lopez, Alford, D. Lopez, S. Brandstetter, Brown, D. Shelley, S. Kratchir, S. Blankenship, Jones, I. Bowen, M. Tyus (not pictured).



Shotput, Charlie Duke



LAPD Co-ed Softball Team (Zak)



Tug-O-War LAPD #1 Team



LAPD Force



bet Barnes, rel: Gerald n.



LAPD #2 5x5 Basketball Team



Dale Hickerson, Jim Fountain, Rick Bennett, Dean Gizzi, Jim Harris

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ARCHERY

28-TARGET FIELD ROUND-BAREBOW				
Lawrence Albrecht	LAPD	471	1st	
(Record by Lawrence Albrecht - 1990 & 1994)				
28-TARGET FIELD ROUND-BOWHUNTER-FREESTYLE-LIMITED				
William Heins	LAPD	469	1st	
900-ROUND-BAREBOW				
Lawrence Albrecht	LAPD	804	1st	
900-ROUND BOWHUNTER FREESTYLE-LIMITED				
William Heins	LAPD	815	1st	
3-D ROUND-BAREBOW				
Lawrence Albrecht	LAPD	243	1st	
3-D ROUND-BOWHUNTER-FREESTYLE-LIMITED				
William Heins	LAPD	215	1st	

BASKETBALL

MEN: OPEN - 5 MAN TEAM				
Kevin Dunigan	Clarence Metcalf		2nd	
Francoise Wise	Donavan Nickerson			
Darrel Butler	A. J. Kirby			
Sterling Gordon	Eric Moore			
Marlin Hill	Jerome Divinity			
Perry Griffith	John Buckley			
MEN: OPEN - 5 MAN TEAM				
Melvin Boyd	Bob Rivers		3rd	
Michael Flynn	Dave Love			
Lamont	Chris Costley			
Lloyd Scott	Kenneth Amerson			
Kevin Smith	Vernon Williams			
WOMEN: OPEN - 5 WOMAN TEAM				
Martha Dominguez	Ietia Eston		2nd	
Joan Rosario	Sharrone Scott-Dill			
Anita Ortega	Felicia Bailey			
Staci Broussard	Yvette Perrodin			
Honour Henry	April Hardin			
Brenda Crump	Nancy Alford			
Jerry Stokes				
MEN-SENIOR 3-ON-3				
Stan Embry	Edgar Palmer	LAPD Shooters	1st	
Milton Hernandez	Garry McQueen			
Michael Montgomery	Todd Rheingold			

BENCH PRESS

MEN-SENIOR-220.25 LBS & UNDER				
Gregory Davidson	LAPD	205 (KG)	1st	
Ronald Colquitt	LAPD	167.5 (KG)	5th	
MEN-MASTER-198.25 LBS & UNDER				
George Caulford	LAPD	185 (KG)	1st	
MEN-GRAND MASTER-198.25 LBS & UNDER				
Sam Colella	LAPD	130 (KG)	2nd	
MEN-GRAND MASTER-220.25 LBS & UNDER				
Michael Wolf	LAPD	137.5 (KG)	2nd	
MEN-GRAND MASTER-242.50 LBS & UNDER				
Rex Shields	LAPD	150 (KG)	3rd	
WOMEN-SENIOR-198.25 LBS & UNDER				
Rayney Arnold	LAPD	60 (KG)	1st	

BIATHLON

MEN-OPEN - INDIVIDUAL				
Gary Koba	LAPD	21:31.74	1st	
Lee McMillion	LAPD	21:55.94	2nd	
MEN-OPEN-TEAM				
Gary Koba	LAPD	43:27.68	1st	
Lee McMillion				

BODYBUILDING

MEN - OPEN - 176.25 LBS & UNDER				
Marvin Brent	LAPD		1st	
Curtis Jackson	LAPD		2nd	
MEN - OPEN - OVER 198.25 LBS				
Lamar Bell	LAPD		3rd	
Nabeel Mitry	LAPD		4th	
MEN - MASTER - 176.25 LBS & UNDER				
John Franklin III	LAPD		1st	
WOMEN - OPEN - OVER 125.25 LBS				
Kellie Sturgis	LAPD		2nd	
Vivian Martin	LAPD		3rd	
MEN - OVERALL				
Marvin Brent	LAPD	(Open)	1st	
John Franklin III	LAPD	(Master)	3rd	

BOWLING

MEN-"A" DIVISION-DOUBLES				
Keith L. Thomas	LAPD	2037	1st	
Andre Wright				
MEN-"A" DIVISION-ALL EVENTS				
Keith Thomas	LAPD	3141	1st	
MEN-"B" DIVISION-SINGLES				
Carl Steel	LAPD	909	5th	

MEN-"B" DIVISION-ALL EVENTS

Carl Steel	LAPD	2954	1st	
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WOMEN-"B" DIVISION-SINGLES

Diane Tieman	LAPD	927	1st	
Kellie Sturgis	LAPD	872	2nd	

WOMEN-"B" DIVISION-ALL EVENTS

Diane Tieman	LAPD	2781	1st	
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BOXING

MEN - NOVICE-178 LBS & UNDER				
Patrick McCarty	LAPD		2nd	
Mark Haro	LAPD		3rd	
MEN - OPEN-165 LBS & UNDER				
Troy Laster	LAPD		1st	

CYCLING

MEN-MASTER (B) - 800 METER SPRINT				
Geoffrey Taylor	LAPD		1st	
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 800 METER SPRINT				
Don Vincent	LAPD		1st	
MEN-MASTER (B) - TIME TRIALS				
Geoffrey Taylor	LAPD	1:06:36		
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - TIME TRIALS				
Don Vincent	LAPD	1:23:18	2nd	
Robert Keel	LAPD	1:33:03	3rd	
MEN-MASTER (B) - ROAD RACE				
Geoffrey Taylor	LAPD		1st	
MEN-MASTER (B)-MOUNTAIN BIKE (CROSS COUNTRY)				
Geoffrey Taylor	LAPD		1st	
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) - MOUNTAIN BIKE (CROSS COUNTRY)				
Bruce Hoover	LAPD		1st	

GOLF

UNISEX-OPEN SINGLES (SCRATCH)				
Stephen Knight	LAPD	222	5th	
UNISEX-2 PERSON TEAM (SCRATCH)				
Steve Frye	LAPD	212	5th	
William Brooks				
MEN-OPEN-SINGLES-DIVISION A				
Stephen Knight	LAPD	219	4th	
MASTER-2 PERSON TEAM-DIVISION A				
Larry Seybert	LAPD	185	3rd	
Robert Reed				
John Wong	LAPD	189	5th	
James Darr				
MEN-MASTER-SINGLES-DIVISION A				
John Wong	LAPD	208	3rd	
GRAND MASTER - 2 PERSON TEAM-DIVISION A				
Steve Frye	LAPD	191	4th	
William Brooks				
MEN-GRAND MASTER-SINGLES-DIVISION A				
James Darr	LAPD	201	3rd	
MEN-GRAND MASTER-SINGLES-DIVISION C				
Larry Seybert	LAPD	197	5th	

KARATE

BLACK BELT - SENIOR-MEN-KUMITE-165 LBS & UNDER				
Phillip Arreola	LAPD		1st	
BLACK BELT - MASTER-MEN-KUMITE-144 LBS & UNDER				
Leon Mims	LAPD		1st	
BLACK BELT - MASTER-MEN-KUMITE-OVER 195 LBS				
Lawrence Molinar	LAPD		2nd	

MOTOCROSS

OPEN-MX-125 CC & UNDER				
Kevin Esnault	LAPD		3rd	
MASTER-MX-125 CC & UNDER				
Victor Curti	LAPD		2nd	
MASTER-MX-126 CC TO 250 CC				
Victor Curti	LAPD		4th	
MASTER-MX-251 CC & OVER				
Charles Beck	LAPD		2nd	
MASTER-MX-FOUR STROKE				
Charles Beck	LAPD		2nd	
OPEN-ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES-QUADS				
Ken Koch	LAPD		3rd	
MASTER-EUROPEAN SCRAMBLES - 0-125 CC				
Victor Curti	LAPD		1st	
MASTER-EUROPEAN SCRAMBLES - 126-250 CC				
Victor Curti	LAPD		3rd	
OPEN-EUROPEAN SCRAMBLE - 251 CC & OVER				
Michael Kilpatrick	LAPD		3rd	
MASTER-EUROPEAN SCRAMBLE - 251 CC & OVER				
Charles Beck	LAPD		1st	
OPEN-EUROPEAN SCRAMBLES-ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES				
Kenneth Koch	LAPD		3rd	

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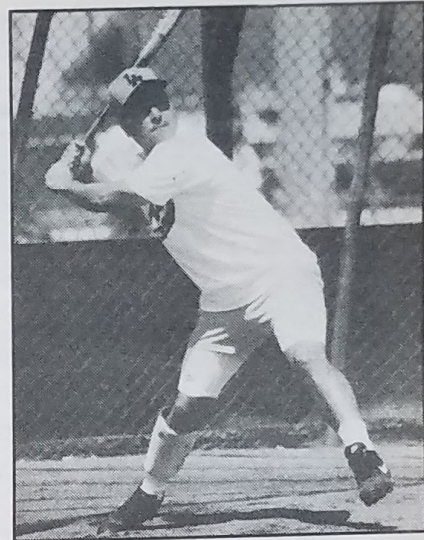
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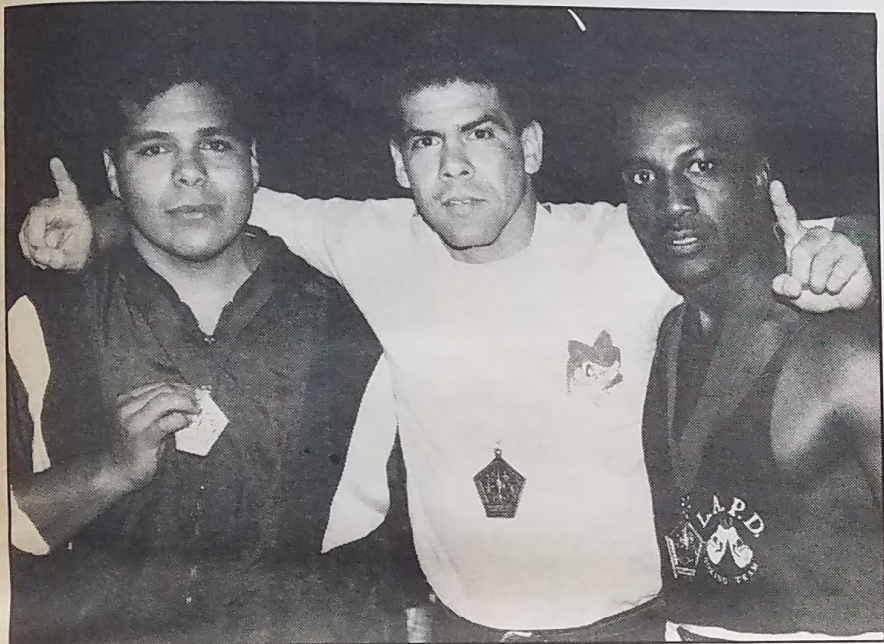
Coed Knights.



LAPD 5 x 5 Black LAPD #2.



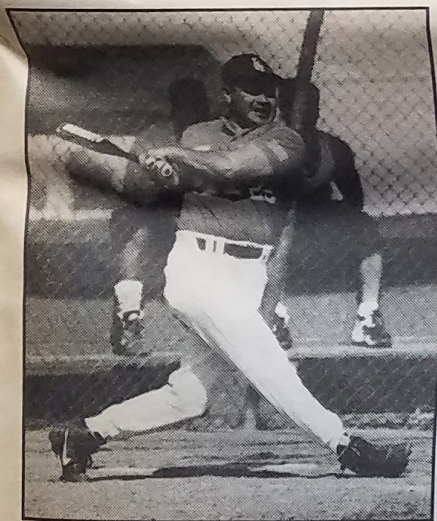
LAPD Red.



David Carbojal, Mark Haro and Troy Laster.



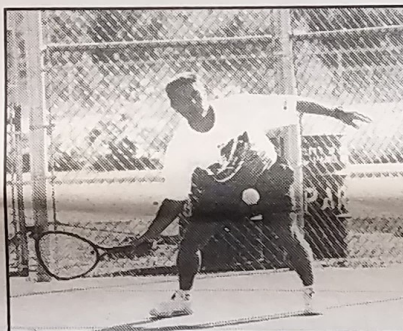
LAPD Soccer.



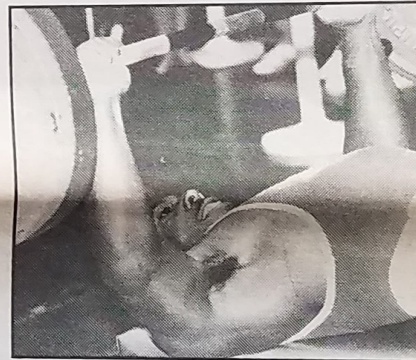
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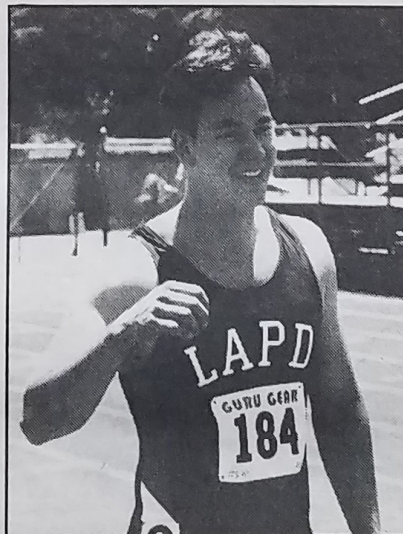
Black LAPD #2, White LAPD #1 5 x 5.



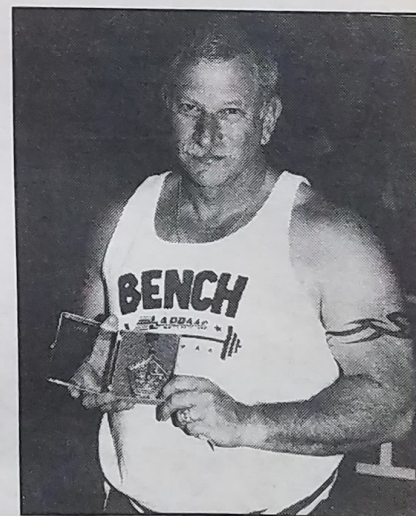
Men's tennis, Barrios.



Ronald Colquitt



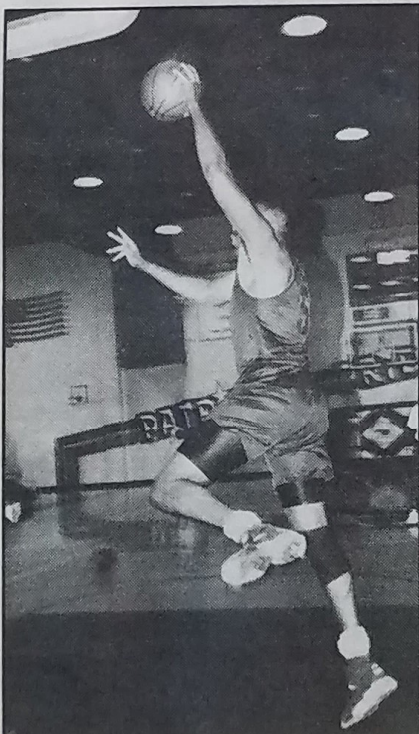
John Yim



Mike Wolf, retired.



LAPD Force



LAPD #2 5 x 5.



LAPD Soccer.

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OPEN WATER SWIM

MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) Richard Beardslee	LAPD	1:03:52	2nd
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OVER-THE-LINE

MEN-SENIOR-TEAM George Leiker Brian Agnew Mike Pelletier	LAPD		2nd
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POLICE ACTION PISTOL

UNISEX-INDIVIDUAL; REVOLVER - "B" CLASS Rich Rinker	LAPD	60.54%	3rd
UNISEX-INDIVIDUAL; SEMI-AUTOMATIC - MASTER Robert Hauck	LAPD	100.0%	1st
UNISEX-INDIVIDUAL; SEMI-AUTOMATIC - "B" CLASS Anthony Huerstel Estephon Estrada	LAPD LAPD	100.00% 95.19%	1st 2nd
UNISEX-INDIVIDUAL; SEMI-AUTOMATIC - "OPEN" CLASS Grey Duran Robert Palacios Robert Cottle	LAPD LAPD LAPD	100.00% 98.82% 96.13%	1st 2nd 4th
TEAM; REVOLVER/SEMI-AUTOMATIC - "B" CLASS LAPD #1 R. Barnes R. Hauck E. Estrada R. Palacios LAPD #2 C. Hansen B. Parmelee A. Huerstel D. Wheeler		96.0%	1st
TEAM; REVOLVER/SEMI-AUTOMATIC - "C" CLASS LAPD #3 M. Rubio G. Duran R. Cottle A. Thompson		79.6%	4th

PISTOL

DISTINGUISHED MATCH GRAND MASTER/DIST. MASTER/MASTER: REVOLVER Richard Bennett Lou Salseda	LAPD LAPD	589-25X 589-25X	2nd 3rd
DISTINGUISHED MATCH GRAND MASTER/MASTER/DIST. MASTER: SEMI-AUTOMATIC Lou Salseda Paul Shumway	LAPD LAPD	584-21X 582-28X	3rd 5th
DISTINGUISHED MATCH EXPERT/MARKSMAN/SHARPSHOOTER/OPEN: REVOLVER R. Rinker	LAPD	567-21X	3rd
DISTINGUISHED MATCH EXPERT/MARKSMAN/SHARPSHOOTER/OPEN: SEMI-AUTOMATIC R. Rinker	LAPD	536-14X	4th
P.P.C. - GRAND MASTER - INDIVIDUAL S. Estrada R. Bennett D. Gizzi	LAPD LAPD LAPD	1490-97X 1489-109X 1484-97X	1st 2nd 4th
P.P.C. - OPEN - INDIVIDUAL R. Palacios R. Hauck	LAPD LAPD	1440-39X 1422-42X	2nd 5th
P.P.C. - GRAND MASTER - TEAM Robert Barnes Richard Bennett Steve Estrada Lou Salseda	LAPD "Blue"	2375-155X	1st
P.P.C. - MARKSMAN - TEAM R. Palacios M. Rubio R. Hauck R. Rinker	LAPD	2263-56X	2nd

RACQUETBALL

"A" DIVISION - MEN-SENIOR-SINGLES Bart Landsman	LAPD		1st
"A" DIVISION - MEN-SENIOR-DOUBLES Bart Landsman Rafael Nieves	LAPD/Oxnard PD		1st
"B" DIVISION - MEN-MASTER-DOUBLES Thomas Jones Edwin Arneson	LAPD/LAPD		3rd

RIFLE - LARGE BORE

SERVICE RIFLE - HIGH MASTER-INDIVIDUAL Paul Shumway E. Jones	LAPD LAPD	478-11X 410-8X	1st 2nd
SERVICE RIFLE - EXPERT-INDIVIDUAL L. Salseda R. Kolesar	LAPD LAPD	465-10X 453-8X	1st 3rd
SERVICE RIFLE - MARKSMAN-INDIVIDUAL C. Hansen	LAPD	459-2X	2nd
MATCH RIFLE - EXPERT-INDIVIDUAL J. Luther	LAPD	425-5X	5th
MATCH RIFLE - SHARPSHOOTER-INDIVIDUAL B. Parmelee	LAPD	293-2X	3rd
"A" DIVISION TEAM (HIGHMASTER/MASTER/EXPERT) P. Shumway R. Kolesar E. Jones L. Salseda	LAPD	1806-37X	2nd

RIFLE - SMALL BORE

STANDARD RIFLE - EXPERT-INDIVIDUAL Gary Macnamara John Luther	LAPD LAPD	428-1X 366-0X	2nd 3rd
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ROAD RACE

MEN-MASTER (A) Joe Gonzales	LAPD	2:42:49	3rd
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) Bruce Hoover	LAPD	2:26:38	1st

SKEET

SINGLES - INDIVIDUAL Bill Page	LAPD	98	5th
INDIVIDUAL - "ALL EVENTS" Bill Page	LAPD	190	4th
DOUBLES - TEAM Dave Herrick Bill Page Victor Elliott Joe Clary Bob Lutz	LAPD	427	4th

SOCCER

TEAM - DIVISION I Warren Aller Donald Barfield Jose Deleon Tony Diaz Sal Duarte Shoukry Ethnasios Guillermo Fajardo Jason Fannin Raphael Ferrer George Khoury	Sean Meade Michael Morlan Michael Kendrick Serafin Rodriguez Luis Romero Victor Salguero Juan Sanchez Steven Stein Felipe Arr	LAPD	3rd
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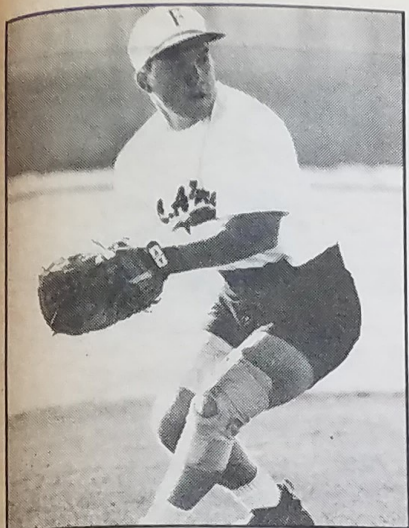
SOFTBALL SLOWPITCH

MEN - OPEN - DIVISION I Chuck Geiger Leonard Hernandez Gus Marroquin Steve Lozano Joe Preciado Vic Suapaia Frank Trevino Mike Reyes Kevin Underwood Jose Viramontes	Marty Williams Greg Gomez Richard Bengtson Mike Goss John Marroquin Jack Martin Robert Forest Sam Martin Gary Beecher	LAPD "Red"	4th
MEN - OPEN - DIVISION I Frank Margolis Ray Lombardo David Garrido Gilbert Pinel Richard Record Gary Kukava Tom Chevolek	Rafael Acosta Robert Baptista Phillip Smith Daniel Ornelas Michael Minor Rocky Phillips Kevin McClure	LAPD "Blue"	5th
MEN - SENIOR (35+) Stephen Bernard Andrew Smith Will Griggs Donald Hensley Daniel Labrada, Jr. Robert Rose Mike Tyus Steve Rose Paul Williams	(Captain Legaspi) Robert Diaz Michael Gray Joe Legaspi Tony Memeta Ike Ornelas David Richardson Johnny Villa	LAPD	5th
WOMEN - OPEN Nancy Alford Sue Brandstetter Kimberly Jones Stephanie Kratchir Erica Long Debbie Lopez Helen Lopez Patricia Luevanos Darlene Shelley	Peggy Thusing Sherry Lee Stacy Lim Sherry Blankenship Ann McGrew Ann Nevarez Inge Bowman Lori Miller Fred Miller/Mike Tyus	LAPD	2nd
CO-ED - OPEN Nancy Alford Carlos Solano Thomas Zak Kim Jones Stacy Lim Ann McGrew David Richardson	(Zak, Coach) Sue Brandstetter Keith Hunter Sherry Le Anthony Manente Fernando Ochoa	LAPD	4th
FASTPITCH Michael Pelletier Thomas Zak Robert Baptista Will Griggs Glynn Martin Robert Rose Cesar Corona	Carlos Solano Julian Almaraz Thomas Chevolek Daniel Labrada, Jr. Barri Moore Raymond Sua	LAPD	3rd

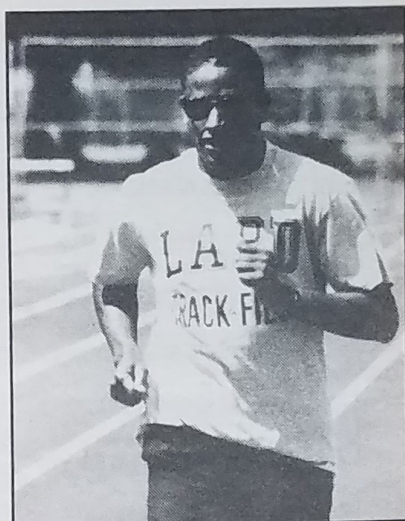
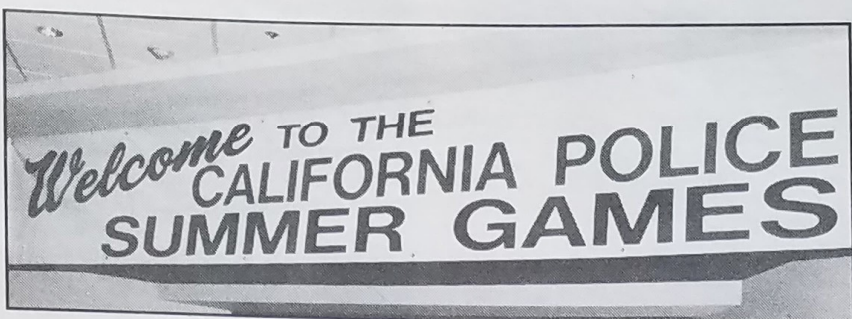
BODYBOARDING

MASTER DIVISION Don Long	LAPD		2nd
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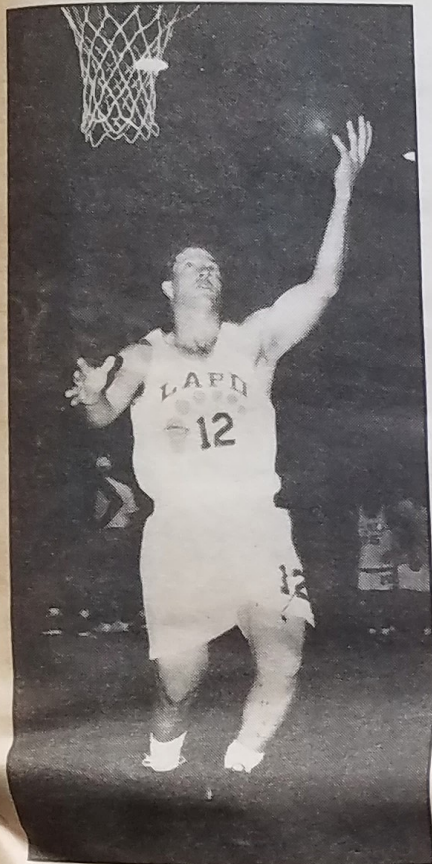
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LAPD Force.



Ken Scott, Coach, LAPD Track.



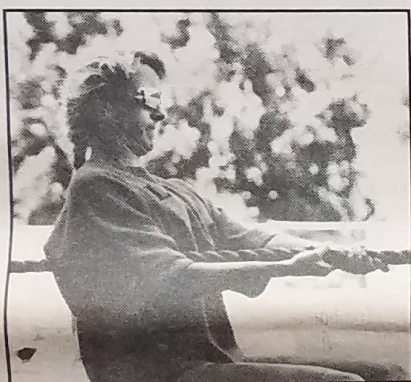
LAPD 5 x 5 Team #1.



Tim McRath on right.



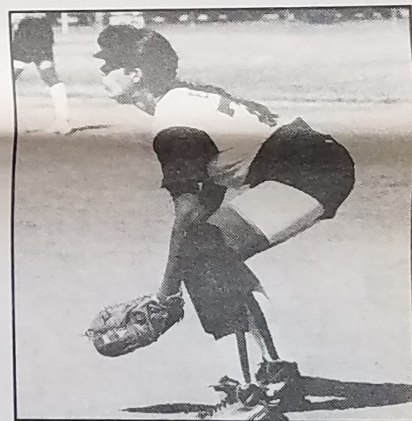
LAPD 3 x 3 Shooters.



LAPD # 2 Tug-O-War.



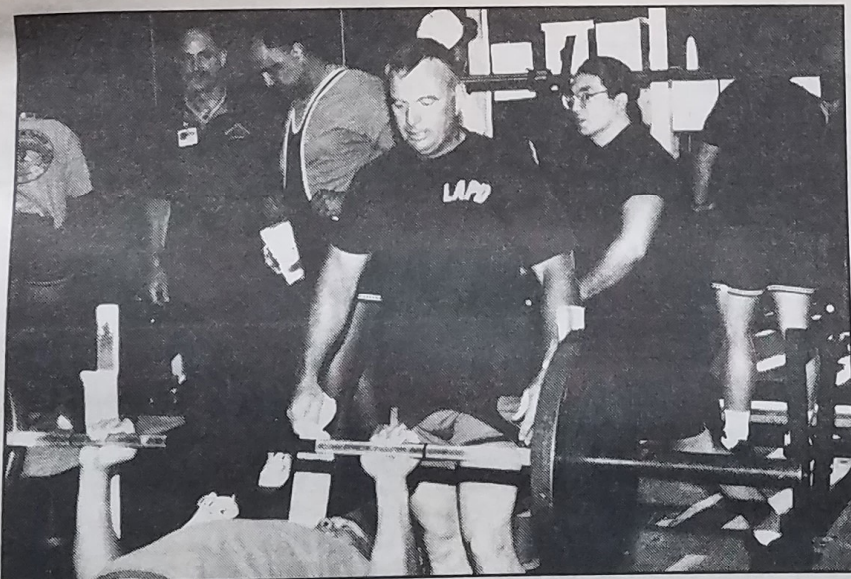
LAPD Soccer.



Knights Softball.



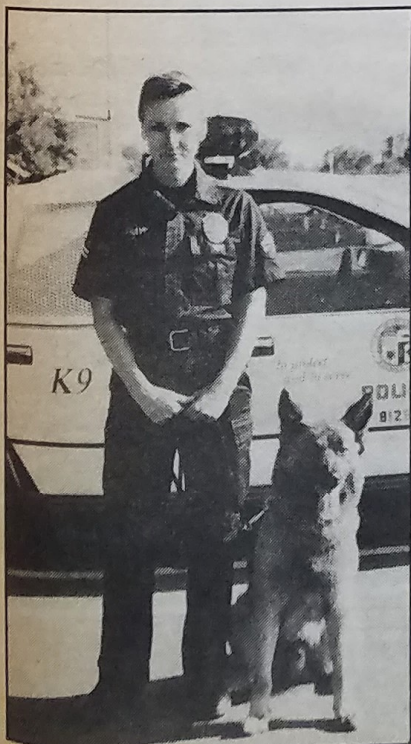
Tug-O-War LAPD #1.



George Caulford Gold Medal Men's Master 198 & under.



Becky Strong and Kim Jones.



Linda Travis & Max K-9.



Coed Softball Team action.



Gary Macnamara.

SWIMMING

MEN-OPEN - 50 YARD FREESTYLE Damon Tucker	LAPD	23.72	1st
MEN-OPEN 50 YARD BACKSTROKE Damon Tucker	LAPD	30.07	1st
MEN-OPEN - 50 YARD BUTTERFLY Damon Tucker	LAPD	27.66	2nd
MEN-OPEN - 100 YARD FREESTYLE Damon Tucker	LAPD	52.73	1st
MEN-OPEN - 100 YARD BACKSTROKE Damon Tucker	LAPD	1:04.37	1st
MEN-OPEN - 100 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY Damon Tucker	LAPD	52.73	1st
MEN-OPEN - 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY Damon Tucker	LAPD	1:04.37	1st
MEN-SENIOR (A) - 50 YARD BUTTERFLY Eddie Badillo	LAPD	30.08	3rd
MEN-SENIOR (A) - 100 YARD BUTTERFLY Eddie Badillo	LAPD	1:13.65	2nd
MEN-SENIOR (A) - 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY Eddie Badillo	LAPD	2:54.01	2nd
MEN-MASTER (B) - 50 YARD FREESTYLE John Rogers	LAPD	27.02	2nd
MEN-MASTER (B) - 50 YARD BREASTSTROKE John Rogers	LAPD	35.50	1st
MEN-MASTER (B) - 100 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY John Rogers	LAPD	1:14.56	3rd
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) - 50 YARD BACKSTROKE Robert Prytz	LAPD	39.16	2nd
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 50 YARD BREASTSTROKE Robert Prytz	LAPD	40.76	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 100 YARD BACKSTROKE Robert Prytz	LAPD	1:30.45	2nd

TABLE TENNIS

SINGLES Carlos Solano	LAPD	4th
DOUBLES Theron Reed Carlos Solano	Santa Ana PD/LAPD	2nd

TENNIS

MIXED-OPEN-SINGLES J. Lavenson	LAPD	2nd
B. Barrios	LAPD	3rd
MEN-MASTER (B) - SINGLES L. Bradford	LAPD	3rd
MEN-OPEN-DOUBLES Bruce Barrios Jim Lavenson	LAPD	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER-DOUBLES W. Lovold G. Valencia	LAPD	1st

TCA

MEN-OPEN-UNDER 200 LBS Lee McMillion	LAPD	5003.7	1st
MEN-SENIOR (A) - UNDER 200 LBS Kyle Kirkman	LAPD	4422.2	2nd

TRACK & FIELD

MEN-OPEN-100 METER RUN Anthony Green	LAPD	11.16	1st
Christopher Hughes	LAPD	11.18	2nd
Gerald Woodyard	LAPD	11.42	3rd
MEN-OPEN-200 METER RUN Christopher Hughes	LAPD	23.10	1st
MEN-OPEN-400 METER RUN Kenneth Scott	LAPD	54.40	3rd
MEN-OPEN-800 METER RUN Kenneth Scott	LAPD	2:00.53	1st
MEN-OPEN-1500 METER RUN Kenneth Scott	LAPD	4:23.83	1st
MEN-OPEN-110 METER HIGH HURDLES (39") John Yim	LAPD	16.70	2nd
MEN-OPEN-400 METER RELAY (4 PERSON TEAM) Anthony Green Edward Williams Christopher Hughes Gerald Woodyard	LAPD #1	43.1	1st
MEN-OPEN-1600 METER RELAY (4 PERSON TEAM) Gerald Woodyard Christopher Hughes Anthony Green Kenneth Scott	LAPD	3:40.28	2nd
MEN-SENIOR (A) - 800 METER RUN Tim McRath	LAPD	2:12.40	1st
MEN-SENIOR-400 METER RELAY (4 PERSON TEAM) Ronald Banks Donald Benton Daved Leaton	LAPD	45.8	3rd
MEN-SENIOR-1600 METER RELAY (4 PERSON TEAM) Tim McRath Fredger Alexander Edgar Burroughs Gregory White	LAPD	3:54.13	2nd
MEN-SENIOR (B) - 100 METER RUN Edward Williams	LAPD	11.23	1st

MEN-MASTER (B) - DISCUS (1.6 kg) Charles Duke, Jr.	LAPD	110'4"	1st
MEN-MASTER (B) - SHOTPUT (12 LB) Charles Duke, Jr.	LAPD	40'1 1/2"	2nd
MEN-MASTER (B) - 1500 METER RUN Charles Foote	LAPD	4:43.82	1st
MEN-MASTER (B) - 10000 METER RUN Charles Foote	LAPD	36:13.02	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) - 800 METER RUN Daved Leaton	LAPD	2:28.74	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) - 1500 METER RUN Daved Leaton	LAPD	5:06.12	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) - 3000 METER STEEPLECHASE Daved Leaton	LAPD	12:42.0	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) - 5000 METER RUN Daved Leaton	LAPD	19:42.74	2nd
MEN-GRAND MASTER - 1600 METER RELAY (4 PERSON TEAM) Ronald Banks Donald Benton Daved Leaton Patrick Connelly	LAPD	4:34.01	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 200 METER RUN Ronald Banks	LAPD	29.43	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 400 METER RUN Ronald Banks	LAPD	1:07.40	2nd
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 800 METER RUN Patrick Connelly	LAPD	2:34.21	
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 1500 METER RUN Patrick Connelly	LAPD	5:14.50	
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - 5000 METER RUN Patrick Connelly	LAPD	19:31.61	
MEN-GRAND MASTER (C) - 100 METER RUN Donald Benton	LAPD	13.31	1st
MEN-GRAND MASTER (C) - 200 METER RUN Donald Benton	LAPD	27.71	1st
WOMEN-OPEN - 100 METER RUN Becky Strong	LAPD	13.53	2nd
WOMEN-OPEN - 200 METER RUN Becky Strong	LAPD	28.43	2nd
WOMEN-SENIOR (A) - DISCUS (1 kg) Kitty Yount	LAPD	91'8"	1st
WOMEN-SENIOR (A) - SHOTPUT (8 lb) Kitty Yount	LAPD	32'4 1/4"	1st
WOMEN-SENIOR (A) - 100 METER RUN Kimberly Jones	LAPD	13.38	1st
WOMEN-SENIOR (A) - 200 METER RUN Kimberly Jones	LAPD	28.40	1st

TUG-OF-WAR**WOMEN-LIGHT WEIGHT (580 LB MAXIMUM)**

LAPD #1 Martha Moran Maria Gonzalez Allyn M. Silberer Kelli Shurian Mike Sayre		1st
LAPD #2 Josephine Aginew Sherri Blankenship Michelle Veenstra Annette Olivas Mike Sayre		2nd

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16 YARD-INDIVIDUAL Dave Herrick	LAPD	99	5th
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TRIATHLON

MEN-OPEN-INDIVIDUAL Christopher Ruiz	LAPD	3:44:33	2nd
MEN-GRAND MASTER (A) - INDIVIDUAL Jorge Sanchez	LAPD	2:57:48	2nd
MEN-GRAND MASTER (B) - INDIVIDUAL Eugene Labriola	LAPD	3:12:10	2nd
MEN-OPEN-200 LBS & OVER - INDIVIDUAL Thomas Zak	LAPD	4:26:37	2nd

VOLLEYBALL

UNISEX-SIX PERSON TEAM A. Smith D. Cortez D. Ornelas R. Rampton V. Valenti	C. Walter F. Fogarty R. Peacock J. Stahl R. Wall	LAPD	1st
WOMEN-SENIOR-TRIPLES T. Brinkmeyer J. Boyer	J. Niles	LAPD	1st

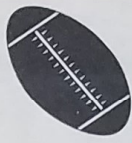
WRISTWRESTLING

MEN-SENIOR-175 LBS & UNDER K. Kirkman	LAPD	3rd
MEN-GRAND MASTER-OVER 200 LBS Mike Wolfe	LAPD	1st

WATER POLO

UNISEX TEAM Anthony Adler Josh Adler Chris Barling Bruce Adam	John Celentano George Livingston Patrick Metoyer Thomas Zak	LAPD	2nd
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SPORTS BEAT



From The Sports Desk:



By Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC
Sports Editor

by Lew Snow

The new chief of police? "M-I-C..." (That's too easy a shot. Make up your own joke.)

★ ★ ★

Congratulations to 77th Street on acquiring newly promoted Lt. Paul Von Lutzow for cash and two players to be named later. We fully expect to see 77th become a bench press powerhouse within the next year. Does this mean the end of Rampart's dominance of the lifting competition? Only time can tell!

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Attention all potential Shaquille O'Neils: it's time to start thinking about forming your division's basketball team for the upcoming intradepartmental season. The pre-season coaches meeting has tentatively been set for Monday, November 6, with the season expected to begin on Tuesday, November 28. Call Athletic Director Tony Adler at 222-4601 for more details or for the paperwork to get your team officially entered.

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Speaking of Crocodile Tony, he and LAPRAAC Athlete of the Month Geoff Taylor are working on plans for an LAPD cross-country mountain bike race. The one-mile loop course would wind through the Elysian Park trails just above the Academy. Start training now for this first-ever department event. We'll have more info in the next *Blue Line*.

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Looks like Metro's George ("Don King") Lopez is at it again. He's searching for a few good men (and women) to carry the department mantle on Friday night, November 3, boxing against the dreaded Sherminators at the historic Olympic Auditorium. Look folks, if we can't beat 'em at Baker to Vegas, let's at least whup the crap out of 'em in the boxing ring! If you'd like to don the gloves and throw a few punches, call George at x54091.

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Just who's got the biggest pull around the department? We'll find out on Sunday, October 15, when LAPRAAC holds its first Intradepartmental Tug-of-War competition. (No truth to the rumor that the "Dream Team" will take on Garcetti's Gang in a winner-take-all battle refereed by Judge Lance Ito.) A nice BBQ will follow the competition, and the Academy pool will be open for the kiddies. See the box elsewhere in "Sports Beat" or call Tony Adler at 222-4691 for more information.

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Bodacious Barbara wants to remind everyone of two big dinner dances coming up. (Actually, she said if I didn't include this in my column, my next paycheck would arrive via Air Iraq.) On Friday, October 6, 1930 hours, there's the Country/Western Dance at the Academy Lounge. Two weeks later, October 20, 1930 hours, there's the big Rock 'n Roll Dance. Tickets are \$8 for LAPRAAC members, \$10 for non-members. A limited number of tickets are

1995 LAPRAAC CALENDAR

For more details, pair the number in parenthesis with the names at the bottom.

- September 13 & 27 -** Free Country/Western Dance Lessons. 1830 and 1930 hrs.; DJ until 2030 hrs. Academy Lounge. (3)
- October 6 -** Country/Western Dinner Dance. Lessons: 1830 hrs. Dinner 1930-2130. Dance starts at 2000. Academy Gym. (3)
- October 6 -** LAPRAAC Private Party at Disneyland. 2000-0100 hrs. \$23 per person (incl. parking). (3)
- October 6 -** Free Country/Western Dance Lessons. 1830 and 1930 11 & 25 - hrs.; DJ until 2030 hrs. Academy Lounge. (3)
- October 15 -** Intradepartment Tug-of-War Competition. 0930 hrs., Bob Burke Athletic Field. Gym. (1)
- October 20 -** Rock 'n Roll Dinner Dance. 1900-2400 hrs. Dinner 1930-2030. Featuring Ronny & the Classics, dance lessons by Ed & Sally, and Steve Williams and Elvis. Members \$8, non-members \$10. Limited tickets available. (3)
- November 3 -** Intradepartment Bench Press Competition. 1000 hrs. Academy Gym. (1)
- November 3 -** Boxing v. L.A. Sheriff's Dept., 1800 hrs., Olympic Auditorium. For info, call George Lopez (x54091).
- November 6 -** Intradepartmental Basketball Coaches Meeting. Time TBA. (1)
- November 8 & 22 -** Free Country/Western Dance Lessons. 1830 and 1930 hrs.; DJ until 2030 hrs. Academy Lounge. (3)
- November 17 -** 41st Annual Sports Awards Banquet. 1730-2100 hrs., Academy Gym. (3)
- November 28 -** Projected start of Basketball Season. 0900 hrs. Academy Gym. (1)
- December 1 -** Country/Western Dinner Dance. Lessons: 1830 hrs. Dinner 1930-2130. Dance starts at 2000. Academy Gym. (3)
- December 6 & 20 -** Free Country/Western Dance Lessons. 1830 and 1930 hrs.; DJ until 2030 hrs. Academy Lounge. (3)

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available, so get your pre-sale ducats now! Call Debbie at the Revolver Club office, 221-5222, to order tickets or for more details.

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Gigi Murphy, who runs the new Uniform Shop at the Academy, felt left out since we didn't mention the shop in our column last month. Stop by and let Gigi know we still love her, and while you're there, check out her specials. She's always got something new and exciting every month.

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On a closing note... I always thought it was the Department's commitment to equal employment opportunity that there were so many crime lab employees with three eyes, scales, orange hair and green skin. Little did I know it was all the contamination at the lab that was causing these deformities. Well, Barry Scheck, don't that just make your brown eyes blue?

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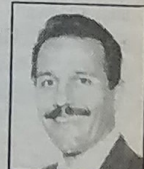
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SPORTS BEAT



Ten Ring

Notes on the Pistol Team

by Rick Bennett

On the heels of the California Police Summer Games we traveled over to the Sacramento County Sheriff's range to compete in a dual match against the Capitol City Shooters and Santa Cruz Police. The Blue Team continues undefeated for 1995, and congratulations to new shooter Bob Palacios for winning his class against Sacramento.

NAME	SACRAMENTO SHERIFFS	SANTA CRUZ POLICE
GRAND MASTER CLASS		
J. Pride	1496x123 - 1st	1490x114
R. Bennett	1492x107 - 5th	1490x100
S. Estrada	1488x94	1489x101
R. Barnes	1488x94	1482x105
T. Bedford	1488x83	1470x82
P. Shumway	1482x98	1491x89 - 5th
L. Salseda	1480x93	1479x83
D. Gizzi	1480x90	1481x89
DISTINGUISHED MASTER CLASS		
D. Hickerson	1460x71	1460x70
J. Fountain	1442x57	1456x65
MASTER CLASS		
J. Harris	1447x57	1444x69 - 4th
OPEN CLASS		
R. Palacios	1447x73 - 1st	1433x64
FOUR PERSON TEAMS		
GRAND MASTER: LAPD BLUE	Match Winner	Match Winner
LAPD GOLD	Third Place	Second Place
DISTINGUISHED MASTER:		
LAPD SILVER	Second Place	First Place

LAPRAAC Athlete of the Month

Geoff Taylor



Geoff Taylor

A lot of people might complain about going around in circles, but not West Traffic Division Sgt. Geoff Taylor.

One of the top cyclists in the state, the 20-year LAPD veteran brought home four gold medals from the recent California Police Summer Games in Modesto. In the Masters category Taylor won the Time Trials, 800-Meter Spring, Road Race and Mountain Bike Cross Country competition. Since 1989 he has won 26 medals in summer games competition,

not only in California, but Arizona and Nevada as well.

Why cycling? "I started late in life (for an athlete)," says Taylor, "and my knees just weren't up to the pounding that running gives. Initially it was an alternate method for physical fitness... and something fun you could do with other people." From that it has evolved into a lifestyle. "It's an extremely competitive sport, and I'm extremely competitive," he explains. "Cycling brings everything into a healthy focus, and, in addition, it's a great stress reliever."

Geoff has been focusing on competing in U.S. Cycling Federation "Norba" (off-road) events in 1995. Currently he ranks second in the race for the California championship. Coordinator of the LAPD Cycling Team since 1990, he is now putting together an LAPD cross-country cycling event on the trails around the Academy, hopefully for later this year.

For giving 200 percent plus... and by representing the spirit and drive that embodies LAPD's athletic program, the LAPRAAC Board of Directors is proud to honor Geoff Taylor as Athlete of the Month for September, 1995.

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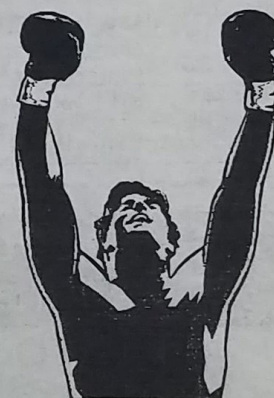
It's really not difficult. Deadline is the first of the month. Because of printing schedules, you must think a month or so ahead. For example, this is the September issue. September 1 is the deadline for the October issue, October 1 for the November issue. If you've got something going on in October or November, we need to know now!

Be sure to put a name and phone number on your articles. We reserve the right to edit and cannot guarantee publication. Black and white photos are preferred. Identify all people in the picture and tell us who took the photo.

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L.A. Bullets Update 95/96 Season

by Matt Jaroscak

The L.A. Bullets ice hockey teams 95/96 winter campaign begins in October, 1995. There are some exciting things taking place this year with the Bullets organization. After acquiring some new players this year and the development of players in the organization, the Bullets #1 team is preparing to take on the number one division in their league. The team is also expected to be at the top when the International Police Winter Games tournament is held in Las Vegas in February of 1996. Team captain Jeff Wenninger of CTD will lead the Bullets #1 team again this year. It is expected that the team with its veterans like Tom Wich from RHD, Jeff Tepich from SWAT, Tim Surrence of Training Division, defensive stand outs LASD's Bobby Devereaux and John Thompson, plus the outstanding goaltending of LASD's Gerry Velona & LAPD's Jeff Quinlan will continue the Bullets #1 team surge to regain their form from two years ago.

Bomb Squad's Dennis Gilbert will captain the ever improving Bullets #2 team. Dennis has gone out and done some recruiting of his own and combined with development of players in the Bullets' other teams, Dennis will take his team to Vegas and try for gold in the "B" Division of the International Police Winter Games. The Bullets' other three teams are developing at a rapid rate thus causing an up-

surge in Bullets talent and making waves in their respective divisions.

The Bullets' number 3 team is becoming a force in division 4 at the Burbank senior hockey league. SWAT's Greg Horton will once again rally his Bullets #4 team along with training's Dave Porras and Steve Estrada. The number four team will have a coaching duo in the form of Harbor Division's Lt. Bill Sweet and Southeast Sergeant Ted Mailett who due to injuries were forced to retire from the Bullets. Bill & Ted's excellent adventure should turn out to be a lot of fun this year. RHD's Tom Wich's lovely wife Erinn and LASD's John Halas will lead Bullets #5. This is the Bullets newest team and are getting better each game.

Sign ups for the Bullets hockey are coming quickly. There will be a team meeting September 12, 1995 at the Elysian Park Academy Lounge. It will start at 1900 hours. It is recommended that all new players be at that meeting and that returning players be there also. If you are interested in playing, no matter how much experience you have, call Air Support's Matt Jaroscak at 2600 or 310-799-0407 or Erinn Wich at 909-396-1898. The Bullets hope to see all of you out there either playing or supporting your teams.



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INTRA-DEPARTMENT TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
LAPD ACADEMY ATHLETIC FIELD

Weigh-in and shoe check from 0800-0900
Contest begins at 0930 Awards for first, second, and third place teams

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY LAPRAAC. ANYONE ENTERING THIS CONTEST MUST BE A LAPRAAC MEMBER.

- One team per division.
- Teams consist of six members (3 men/3 women) and one non-pulling coach (if desired).
- Total sum weight of all six members must not exceed 1,200 pounds.
- Double elimination tournament (best two of three matches to go forward).
- Registration: \$35 per team. Last day to register is Friday, October 13.
- BBQ at end of competition (nominal charge). Complimentary "foamy beverages" for all competitors.

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Women Runners Win 165-Mile Race



For the second straight year the LAPD Women's Running Team has taken first place in a 165-mile relay race from Mt. Ranier to Ocean Shores, Washington. Over 125 teams entered the race held July 14. This grueling event requires all 12 team members to run three different legs. Bringing home the trophy in the Women's Open Division were Teresa Anderson, Sheila Dantel, Paula Chavez, Mary Kite, Marcella Sandy, Michelle Veenstra, Annette Olivas, Marie Valencia, Essie Zimbeck, Janel Kesner, Nancy Dyer and Janet Zumstein.

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Devonshire

On June 18, 1995, at approximately 1605 hours, Officers Charles Slater, serial no. 26164, and Michael Gayten, serial no. 31166, were assigned to Devonshire Patrol Division, PM Watch. They received a radio call of a "415 fight at 8861 Langdon Avenue. Suspect is wearing a red striped shirt and blue checkered shorts."

Upon the officers arrival to the location, they observed a male Hispanic, later identified as the victim, exiting an apartment complex bleeding profusely from his neck. The officers exited their police vehicle to render aid to the victim when Officer Gayten noticed the above described suspect leaving the apartment located at 8861 Langdon Avenue. Officer Gayten further observed the possible suspect carrying a knife. Officer Gayten immediately notified his partner and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. The officers secured the knife while at the same time requested a rescue ambulance to respond to their location and a supervisor and additional units for crime scene control. In an attempt to locate any additional victims or suspects, Officer Gayten asked the possible suspect if there was anyone else involved. He provided a short physical description and stated that "Miguel was in apartment 20." It was at this time the officers were notified by the

large crowd (100 plus) that had gathered that the victim had collapsed and died mid-block on Rayen, between Langdon and Orion. Officer Slater began immediately broadcasting to the oncoming units where exactly he needed them placed to preserve the crime scene and possible apprehension of additional suspects. Within minutes 17A27, Officers J. Kessler, serial no. 25418, and A. Levey, serial no. 31231; 17A83, Officers M. Geller, serial no. 26641, and R. Zavala, serial no. 31088; 17A65, K. Bennett, serial no. 27437, and L. Cabrera, serial no. 31097; 17ZL4, S. Davis, serial no. 30989; 17ZL2, D. Slater, serial no. 26337, and 17L50 Sergeant M. Klein, serial no. 20418, were at scene securing the perimeter.

Officers Slater and Gayten advised Sergeant Klein of a possible suspect located in apartment 20. Sergeant Klein immediately assessed the situation and briefed Officers D. Slater and Kessler on a tactical plan for entry. With sufficient personnel at the scene and the perimeter secured, Sergeant Klein and Officers D. Slater and Kessler responded to apartment number 20. After completing a knock and notice with no answer, the officers kicked the door in and found the possible suspect secreted underneath a bed. The possible suspect was taken into custody without incident and sub-

sequently identified by homicide detectives as the murder suspect.

Personnel at the scene did not stop there in conducting the homicide investigation. Witnesses were sought out and interviewed and vehicle license plates were obtained. This information was turned over to Devonshire Homicide which ultimately resulted in eyewitnesses being identified and a first degree murder charge being filed against Miguel Palos.

The teamwork you all displayed under a stressful situation was truly remarkable and resulted in the arrest and filing of a murder suspect.

Officers Charles Slater and Michael Gayten you are commended for your attention to duty, sound tactics, and knowledge of crime scene security.

Officers D. Slater, J. Kessler, A. Levey, S. Davis, M. Geller, R. Zavala, K. Bennett, and L. Cabrera you are commended for your quick response to assist other officers, attention to duty, and knowledge of crime scene security.

Sergeant M. Klein you are commended for your attention to duty, supervisory leadership at a major crime scene, and sound tactics.

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P.O. II Michael Belmonte, 30310
Van Nuys Division

In the early evening hours of September 15, 1994, Van Nuys Patrol Officer Belmonte, Serial #30310, was handling a radio call in the vicinity of Woodley Avenue and Vanowen Street when he heard the crashing sounds of a violent traffic collision. Officer Belmonte looked up to see a green Toyota 4Runner spinning in mid-air southbound then colliding with a northbound Dodge Challenger. The force of the impact was so great that the Toyota was stopped and rolled onto its side.

Officer Belmonte ran toward the Toyota and the occupants inside and also observed three other passenger cars that were involved. He immediately requested the Fire Department and additional units to respond. Assuming immediate command of the chaotic incident, Belmonte set about directing citizens who responded to

help in the rescue and control efforts. Belmonte then took it upon himself to approach an involved vehicle that was now totally engulfed in flames. Officer Belmonte believing the driver of the flaming car to be safely out of the way, but concerned for the safety of other possible occupants, attempted to inspect the car through the driver's window. As Belmonte continued to search, thick billowing smoke and flames from the fire prevented Belmonte from clearly establishing the status of any possible occupants.

Thinking only of the safety of others, Belmonte entered the inferno braving intense heat and toxic, choking smoke. Staving off these dangers, Officer Belmonte completed a thorough search of the car and left it only when satisfied that no victims were trapped inside. Officer Belmonte then set about searching the other involved ve-

hicles. He quickly came upon a female who was lying across the front seat of her car. Officer Belmonte forced open the door, removed her from the wreckage, and moved her to safety. Mrs. Yta Lewis, the female occupant, stated she "owed her life" to Officer Belmonte and the Belmonte controlled the scene in a calm, professional manner throughout the incident.

Officer Belmonte demonstrated remarkable courage. He acted instinctively, disregarding his own safety to ensure the safety of others. Officer Belmonte's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the officers of this Department. Officer Belmonte's actions and courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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September, 1995

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DIII Michael Rafter 13281 OCID	28
PIII+1 Michael Schneider 13290 DHD	28
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PIII Terrell Peterson 14241 SW	27
SGTII Tommy J. Gordon 15038 PAC	26
DIII Paul Tippin 15240 RHD	26
SGTI Elroy Warkentin 15743 TCS	25
SGTII John Stilo 15878 NHD	25
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SABLA Harvest Picnic In The Wine Country

The annual picnic for SABLA will be on Saturday, September 23, 1995 at the Kiser Ranch in Sonoma Valley. The ranch is located in the Carneros wine producing region with many nearby wineries to tour.

On this weekend, Sonoma will be holding the oldest wine festival in the United States, the Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival. Most events take place on Sonoma's historic Plaza just two and a half miles away. For those interested in spending the weekend, there is room for RV parking at the Kiser Ranch, motels in town and some bed and breakfasts nearby.

The Vintage Festival offers the "Patron's Wine Tasting" with some 35 valley wineries pouring, food and music. It is held on Friday evening and always a sellout. Tickets are \$30 per person and none sold at the door. The event is held in the courtyard of the Mission San Francisco de Solano. For tickets write to: VOM Vintage Festival, P.O. Box 657, Sonoma, CA 95476.

Other events of the festival are the "Blessing of the Grapes" in front of the mission on Saturday morning. There

is a reenactment of the Bear Flag Revolt, firemen's water fight, music, booths, and entertainment ongoing on the Plaza.

The SABLA picnic kicks off with the horseshoe tournament. Come early and sign up for this challenging event. The food will be outstanding and includes beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost is \$15 per person. There will be the hayride on the 1919 Italia truck through the vineyard with a stop for wine tasting, buggy rides, great drawing prizes and time to talk or look through Ron's museum (he might even let you run his train).

For those who stay over, the big parade around the Sonoma Plaza is on Sunday. Petaluma usually has a huge street antique fair that day as well. There's the Petaluma Queen paddleboat down the Petaluma River available for lunch and the Napa Wine Train with literally hundreds of wineries within a short distance.

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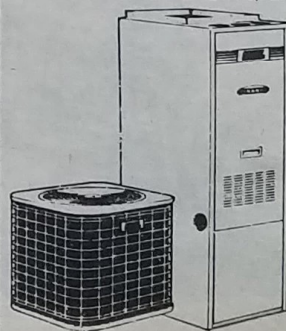
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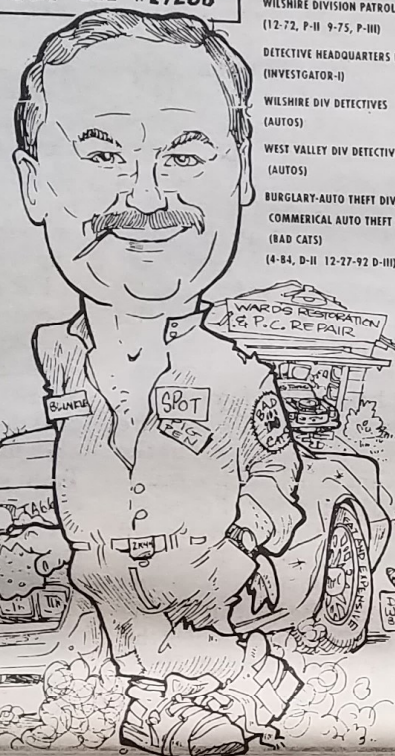
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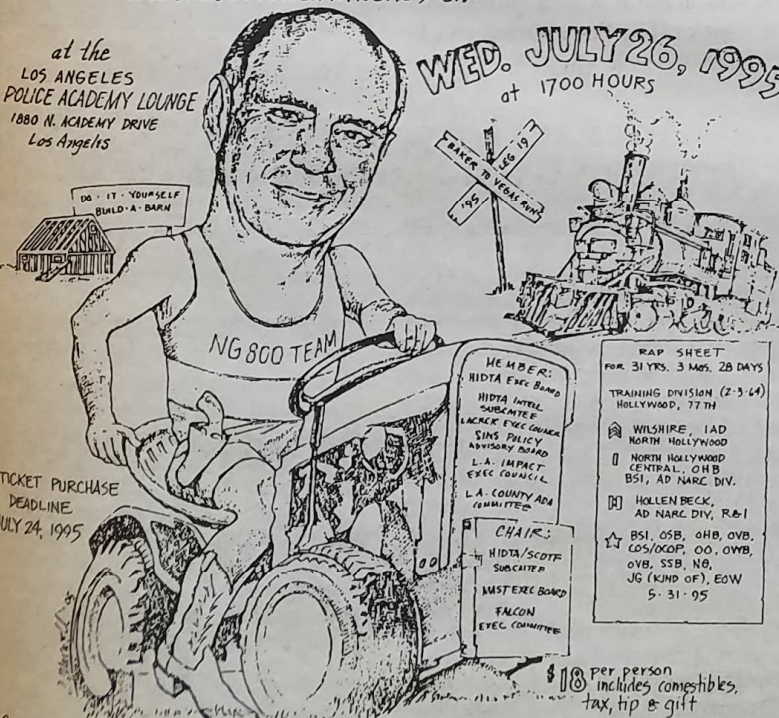
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Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

If it's September where you are, then you should be making plans to attend the Fall Classic! That means you should've already sent your reservation and payment for SABLA's annual BBQ and social mixer at the Kiser's vineyard and ranch in Sonoma, California. If you haven't, then what is your problem?? On *Saturday, September 23, 1995*, all of us are gathering at the Kiser's for the great food, wine and beer. Soft drinks too. We're hoping that **R. T. Anderson** will be bringing more of his great homemade chili too!! This is truly a great day to get together with old friends and maybe meet new friends too. In fact if you can get away, the whole weekend in Sonoma is filled with activities. After all, it is the Moon Vintage Festival weekend and motels are available and the Kisers have room for your RV, if you call him and let him know you need a parking spot. Just call Ron at (707) 938-4937. For reservations, a map and details, just send \$15 per person to Hoy Key at P.O. Box 1528, Colfax, CA 95713. He'll put you down and send a map, etc. back to you in return mail. That is if you send it to him in time!! So go for it. Former COP **Daryl Gates**, **Ron & Marilyn Kiser**, and all of us are inviting you too ... again.

While you've got the dust off the old checkbook, you need to send another \$15 to Hoy Key for the new fiscal year dues. Without that, you miss out from receiving Hoy's newsletter for SABLA that provides a plethora of news and information. Plethora?? Oh, that's a **Charlie Reese** word!! All, or most of you received your "cost of living" raise last month, so now you can afford to send your dues money!! OK??

For the rest of the year SABLA hopefully has a lineup of guest speakers that will appeal to all of you. So come visit with us at the Palomino Restaurant, one block west of Watt & El Camino on the second Thursday of every month, except December. *Don't forget, the start time has changed!!* We now meet for the social mixing at 1130



This gal is probably the most important reason the S.A.B.L.A. picnic is a success. Marilyn Kiser.



"Don't touch my money" Vice President Bernie Neilan.

hours. Lunch will be served at 1200 hours. And then the guest speaker or "mess around" time will begin around 1230 hours. This time change will allow our guest speakers and some of our working members to return to work at a more reasonable time. So hooray!!

Speaking of guest speakers, for September 14th, **Dick Kalk** for the LAPD Historical Museum will be here to "bring us up to speed" on the progress that is being accomplished with the museum. He promised some new slides, so we can look forward to another exciting time with Dick.

Then for October 12, Sheriff **Don McDonald**, the Sheriff of El Dorado County, will be our guest. His department polices all the way to the Nevada border, from just east of Sacramento. Many of our LAPD people live in that area, and many more are contemplating moving to the high country. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to find out ... how about crime, Sheriff??

Next will be November 9, the second Thursday. Deputy District Attorney **Robyn Shakley** of the Sacramento County D.A.'s Office will be the guest speaker. Robyn has been assigned cases involving the homicides of children in the county. Some of these cases have been met with media publicity due to the severity of the crime. She is an experienced prosecutor that will pique your interest in local crime. Bring your wives and friends.

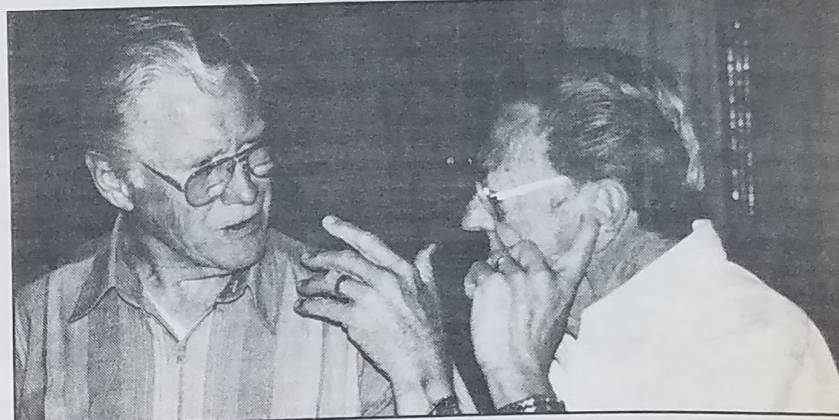
In July '95, we had several calls from former LAPD guys looking for SABLA. **Ed Slattery** of Parker, Arizona was in town visiting his daughter. But he was a week early.

Bob Werner of Mission Viejo was in town but also a week early. He's spending the summer at some resort in Cathedral City!! Aren't you supposed to go to the Palm Springs area in the winter, Bob?? He tells me his old boss, **Cal Drake**, at First Interstate, is out near there too! I always knew that working Bunco-Forgery on the 3rd floor did something to the brain cells. I didn't know until Bob's call what it was!! Come back again Bob. Bring Cal too.

Steve Taylor called during July. Steve retired this year and took an assistant chief's job at the Tracy Police Department here in Northern California. On a map, look south and west of Stockton. After being the M.C. of Jim Docherty's retirement party, Steve thought it best "to get outta town"!! And out he did. But he said the new job is great, and that he'll be up to Sacramento for a future SABLA luncheon and join the membership. See ya Steve.

Also in July, a call came from **Norm Roberge**! He retired from RHD 2-1/2 years ago, and he's living just west of here in Vacaville. He's promised to be here to join SABLA, probably in August. He sold his place in Orange County, probably attributing to the financial collapse of Orange County!! Now he's shopping all over the area up here. Norm's daughter is married to a CHP officer who also lives in Vacaville. We'll find out more about his plans later. It's always the 2nd Thursday of the month, Norm. SABLA, that is. See ya.

I'm always asking for someone to write to us if they can't come by. Well it happened! **Cliff Hodge** from West-



"Is it noisy in here?" Left to right: Ken Carlsted and Bob Sharret.



Our guests from Buena Park. Left to right: Bill Tibbs, Joan Tibbs and Jack Smyre.

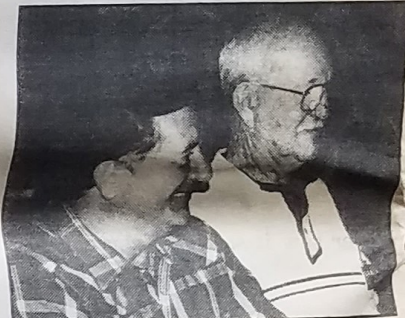
lake Village wrote us a note!! He's retired, retired. And is doing some motorcycle riding around, and wanted to know when we meet, et al. We got back to him and he called back and said he'd try to come by and visit a future SABLA meet. Come on by, Cliff. The welcome mat is always out for you, and any of you guys and gals out there.

Also in July we had some special guests come by for the luncheon. **Bill Tibbs** and his wife **Joanie** from Buena Park, were on their way to Lake Tahoe to break the bank. He's another one of these 3rd floor Forgery guys! It seems that they're all over the place. Bill retired in 1976, and still looks like he can do another 20. Must be all the golf! He does look good. But his wife Joanie really looks good!! That's probably why Bill looks so well. I have to kid Bill a little bit. Last year on their trip to Tahoe Bill said he'd stop by SABLA, but never showed. I got on his case a little, so he made good his promise this year! (See photo.) Thanks for coming by Bill and Joan.

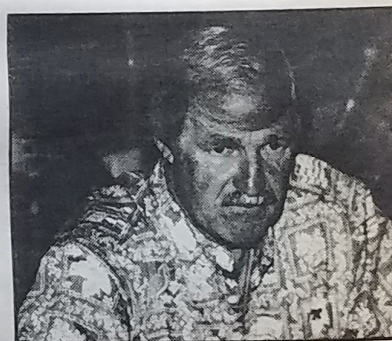
We were busy in July. **James (Jim) Van Riper** of Hartman, Arkansas, is visiting his parents in the Sacramento suburb of Orangevale. He came by for lunch and visited with many of us. He's on an extended visit here, so we may see Jim again.

We had so many things going on in July that it was hard to keep up. **Jim Baker** who comes all the way from Mariposa (165 miles, one way??) brought a complete set of the L.A. Times newspaper covering the 1965 Watts riots!! One could spend all day reading and looking at the photos. **Bob Sharrett** of Auburn brought a May '68 Beat article with a very funny story about an ABC market incident involving him, and J. J. "Jerry" McCall. Great stuff!! **Jerry Lauritzen** of Orangevale, SN #1618, a charter member, and regular of SABLA, submitted — "The LAPD as I Remember It." Entering the LAPD on 9/3/40, he has a great story to tell. Stay tuned. More later. And the rest of you. Submit to Hoy Key your remembrances of — "The LAPD as I Remember It." More of that later.

Justin Dyer of Nevada City, our new President, formerly of Public Disorder Intelligence Division (PDID),



Left: Jim Baker, right: A.J. Miles. Jim - "I'm smiling because I've gotta drive home 165 miles."



Would you trust this man to host the S.A.B.L.A. picnic?? You bet! Ron Kiser.

introduced last year's Prez, **Roy Ker-ton** of Elk Grove, who graciously thanked everyone for helping him through last year. Roy is another charter member of SABLA, and always works for the benefit of SABLA. He does whatever has to be done. Thanks, Roy!!

Dennis McDonald of Placerville contributed to the Watts '65 memorabilia luncheon by handing out Certificates and I.D. cards of the Watts Veteran's Association. All of us send a large "Thank You" to none other than the famous **Joe Scanlon** of Anaheim.

Don't forget this month. SABLA's annual picnic and BBQ. Please don't miss it. You'll have to wait another whole year before another one! Please send your reservation and \$15 per person to Hoy Key or to SABLA, P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. We definitely want to see all of you there!!

RETIREMENT ASSOCIATIONS & NOTICES

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

My God, it is hot! Thank goodness it is only 112 today. It has been up as high as 117 here in Hemet. This is the first year we have spent all summer here in the southland. We are usually up fishing around Crescent City or Coos Bay, Oregon or checking out the sights along the Canadian border. We usually don't get back to this hot country until the middle of September.

We spent five days (July 24-29) in Laughlin. Talk about heat. We knew it would be hot, but July 26th was Beverly's birthday and she wanted to spend it in Laughlin. Well, we did it once, but never again. It was 119 when we got in Monday and it continued to rise every day. Friday afternoon it was 128 degrees. The ambulances were sure busy. All we heard all day long were sirens picking up the heat patients. We stayed at the Ramada Inn and there were nine people overcome by heat and had to be taken by ambulance from the Ramada Inn alone. Laughlin is sure growing. The clubs have all remodeled. They are beautiful. But we customers are paying for it. The rooms were great. \$12 per night. No, we didn't have to sleep in the laundry room or basement. Actually, we were on the fifth floor, overlooking the river. But don't even ask how we did. Like I said, we customers are paying for all the remodeling. No matter what we played, we lost. Everything was locked down so tight, all the machines were talking in high pitched voices. Never saw it so bad. Everyone was bitching. But we had a good time, got to relax. Got away from the soap, The Simpson Trial, starring O.J. Simpson, Johnny Cochran and Marsha Clark, directed by Judge Ito and produced by the citizens of the state of California.

A little information if any of you gamblers intend to go to Laughlin in the future. Don't miss going to the Mark Twain restaurant in the Colo-

rado Bell and have the baby back ribs. Yum, yum. They are goood. We had dinner there on Beverly's birthday. They serenaded her with a four piece dixieland band. They even made her get up and boogie. At thirty-four, she did okay.

I enjoy reading the *Thin Blue Line* from cover to cover, each time and wait patiently for it to arrive. I especially enjoyed the articles by **Cliff Ruff, Bill Harkness, Ted Hunt, Dennis Zine, Lenny Munoz, Gary Fullerton** and **Rick Wells** discussing Chief Willie Williams. I sorta read between the lines and I get the impression everybody would welcome Chief Gates back, with open arms. I have talked to a lot of the retirees here in our club. Everyone is thankful they are retired so they don't have to put up with all the —. I guess I had better quit before I fall off my soap box.

We always look for the E.O.W. column, when we get the Blue Line. It is always sad to read about old partners and classmates, listed in the E.O.W. We have an E.O.W. board, that we display at every meeting. It lists all those club members that have passed away. We will add **Earnest Searles, Norman Hartmen, Tom Donovan** and **Earl Sansing** to our board. Earl Sansing was a member, but he never got to attend very often. All the others were very active in the club and rarely missed a meeting. We are going to miss them.

Well, **Eleanor** and **Johnny Crenshaw** have moved to Arizona. Sure going to miss them. They joined the club in 1983 and attended the first meeting.

I wish some of you guys would either pay your rent so you wouldn't have to move so much. My poor membership book has so many white-outs on it from changing addresses.

I keep calling, but have not heard how **Dean Ward** is doing. I suppose **Hymie Kravitz** is doing good. You

can't keep a good Jewish man down, for long, that is. Hope to see him at the October meeting. Missed his storytelling at the April luncheon.

The next meeting and luncheon of the Inland Blue Line will be Wednesday, October 11, 1995. It will be held at the same location, the Anchor Restaurant, 2454 E. Florida Avenue in the big city of Hemet, California. Social hour starts at 11:00 A.M. (that's when everybody tells the tall tales). Lunch is at noon sharp. Tariff is still \$9 per person. If you want to join the club, that's another \$5 for the year or any part of a year. The year starts on the second Wednesday of January every year. That's when everyone pays their dues. If you don't join, you're missing the greatest get together of LAPD retirees anywhere. That's what they tell me.

This time we are fortunate to have scheduled Chief **Ted Cooke**, Culver City Police Chief as our guest speaker. He spoke to the main retired luncheon at the Academy and everyone really raved at his presence. Many of you old timers remember Ted when he was on the LAPD. I had a long talk with Chief Cooke and he is looking forward to the October meeting and seeing a lot of his old buddies. I know, for one, I am looking forward to his visit.

You all know and remember the Rodney King incident where two of our guys went to prison, one got kicked off because he was on probation (that was Wind). Well, when LAPD kicked him off, Chief Cooke didn't care what the public or city council said. As Chief, he said I run my Department and I am going to hire Wind. Got to hand it to him. Let's all

show him a great Inland Blue Line welcome. Be there.

I got a long letter from my old (and I use that word loosely, because I am way older than my former partner) from my old Central Division days, retired Captain **Larry Walton**. He lives in Utopia, Texas and when he heard about our club he requested to join. We are getting more and more long distance commuters, who want to come to our meeting, because they saw the membership roster that I published in the January issue of the *Thin Blue Line*.

Larry advised me that Central Division is planning a picnic at the old police academy ball field on September 30th. Anyone who ever worked Central Division is urged to come and renew old acquaintances. Contact **Marie Tafoya**, Community Relations Office, before September 15th, phone 213-485-6587. Where else can you have so much fun and a great feast for \$25 per couple. Other than at one of the Inland Blue Line luncheons. Regardless, call Marie and get on the list for the great Central picnic.

Now, for all you paid up members of the Inland Blue Line, you don't have to do anything until you get your reservation notice from me. (And you will get it at least two weeks or more before the luncheon date.) If you haven't received a notice by October 5th, call me and I will see that you get one. For anyone else that would like to join us, call me or drop me a line. You are all welcome. The more the merrier. We have room for 300 guests.

Call Loyd Yandle at 909-925-4491 or write to me at 538 W. Thornton Avenue, Hemet, California 92543.

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Valley Retired Blues

by John T. Davis (Chairman)

This will be our first venture at news reporting. As the club membership notes increase, interesting news of members' activities need to be shared with others who may not know this club exists.

The club had its beginnings about 1979 when a few of us began meeting once a month for lunch. We enjoyed talking about our past police work experiences and discussing current events. These meetings evolved into our present day club which will try to pass on some of these experiences as they happen to our members.

While we are in this enjoyable mood:

Dale Rickards is planning another barbecue for the club, sometime in October. More about this event to be announced later. His party of last year was a great success and we are all looking forward to it.

We welcomed a new member at our July meeting. **Ben Reineke** who comes from Los Angeles. Incidentally, we have members who travel long distances to attend the meetings. **Lou Netza** comes from

Camarillo, often when he is home from traveling all over this and other countries. **Lou Mellott** comes from San Diego County and is seldom, if ever, absent. **Paul Nickalas** is finally back from his travels; he was at the July meeting.

On a less cheerful note:

John Becker is home from the hospital now. He managed to come to the July meeting looking so good as to be quite a surprise to all of us.

Don Lyon is still at home recuperating from his operation. He came to the meeting, cheerful as always.

George Stevenson is on the sick list also. We missed him at the July meeting.

Hank Acosta continues to have back problems but he makes a meeting whenever possible.

Contact me if you need a phone number of members on the sick list. We all like being cheered and encouraged by thoughtful friends.

Remember now, meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, at the Lamplighters Restaurant at Nordhoff and DeSoto. The time is 11:15 A.M.

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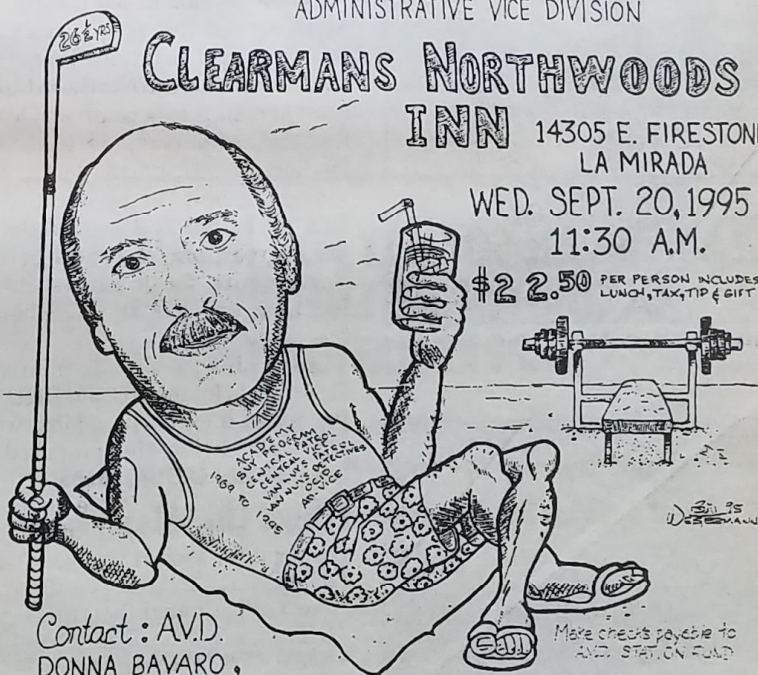
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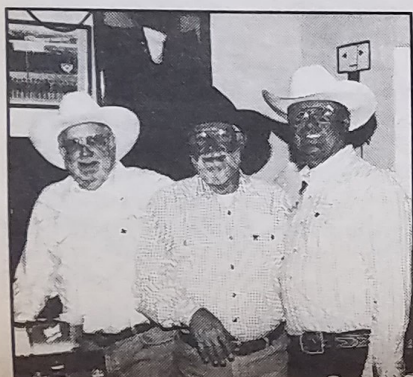
Prescott, Arizona Blue Line 1995 Reunion

by Ken Hamilton

The first ever Prescott, Arizona Blue Line Barbecue was a rousing success with over 115 people attending.

The barbecue was held at the local Smoki Peoples Lodge with its rock walls and Indian artifacts to lend an official southwestern atmosphere. Of course, with all the cowboy hats, boots and Wrangler jeans there was no doubt that we were in cowboy country.

The bar opened at 4:00 P.M. (that's 1600 hours for those of you who still work) with **Gene Lyon** (Labor Relations) acting as chief bartender and aided by **Tom Marshall**. Gene and Bev live in Prescott where Gene is putting the finishing touches on the house that he and Bev built. Tom and wife



Left to right: Gene Lyon, Tom Marshall and George Tyree. The reunion organizers.

Charleen also live in Prescott and are active in civic activities.

There was lots of back slapping and stories about the "good old days" heard in every corner of the room. And, of course, everyone wanted to know whatever happened to "what's his name."

Todd Pfalzgraf, Bev Lyons, and **Elsie Tyree** greeted everyone at the door and saw that everyone had a name tag and a blue ribbon.

The chuckwagon and barbecues (courtesy of **Joe Amore** [Ad-narc]) were set up behind the Lodge and were filled with rib-eye steaks and crocks of beans.

Chuck Agrusa (Ad-narc) and his wife **Nelda** made the trip from Greenvalley, Arizona, for the party and to check on the progress of their new home being built in nearby Williamson Valley.

It was good to see **Chuck** and **Teri Sale** who came over from Monrovia. **Keith Jackson** (B.A.D.) and his wife **Sandy** came over from Huntington Beach. **Tim Tyree** (still there S/W vice) and wife **Jean** stayed with brother **George Tyree** (Bomb Squad). **Sandy Steeves** (N/E. Div.) and wife **Martha** came from Diamond Bar to party and check on the progress of their new home.

Our President **Tony Pfalzgraf** (Ad-narc) did the emcee honors. We were all very pleased to have **Gary Fullerton** from the League here to update us on the condition of the Department and to present a beautiful plaque to the Prescott Blue

Line. We are grateful to Gary and the League for their support and help in starting the "Prescott Blue Line" and helping us put our first reunion together. We were all looking forward to seeing **Hank Hernandez** and were disappointed that he was unable to make the trip.

Tony presented a gift to **Robert** and **Dorothea Ballou** for coming the farthest distance, making the trip from Cambria, California. The prize for the most years in retirement went to **Dave Wiebel** (Motors) who has been kicking around since 1953. Dave lives here in Prescott with wife **Lori**. The prize for newest retiree went to **Mike Hulshof** (77th Div.) who was here with his wife **Linda**. Mike and Linda stayed with friends **Army** and **Doreen Parker** in Prescott Country Club where Mike and Linda are looking for a home.

Among the "locals" who attended were **Farrel** and **Rebecca Williamson**, **John** and **Carol Con-**

ver, **Ken Green**, **Bill** and **Pat Murphy**, **Chuck** and **Teri Schoeppner**, **Dick** and **Jessica Shedd**, **Ron Sparks**, **Richard** and **Karen Studdard**, **Tom** and **Ingrid Thomson**, **Bill** and **Carole Hunter**, **Ray** and **Sue Lackey**, **Ken** and **Kathy Hamilton**, **Tony** and **Todd Pfalzgraf**, **Gene** and **Bev Lyon**, and **George** and **Elsie Tyree**.

All in all everyone had a great time. We renewed old friendships and had a chance to dig out some of those old "war stories," which sound even more believable after you've had a few years to polish up the facts.

The reunion committee has already met to begin planning next year's party. It is tentatively set for the weekend of June 8th at Goldwater Lake so make a note on your calendar. If you weren't able to be here this year we hope you'll make it next year.

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LAPPL Director Gary Fullerton and Tony Pfalzgraf. Presenting a plaque of Recognition to the newly formed organization.



Friends gather at Sgt. Dennis Barbello's retirement party.

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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Los Angeles
POLICE POST No. 381

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by Charlie Meter

Convention Time

Our annual Department of California Convention was held in Pasadena June 22-25, 1995. Past National Commander Bruce Thieson installed our current officers for 1995/96. Frank Flores passed the Commander's gavel to our new Post Commander Woody Baca. A job well done to Frank Flores for his time and effort in leading our 2,000 LAPD membership during this last year. It was an honor to have Bruce Thieson presiding over our installation in that he is by far one of the best and most popular past National Commanders in the history of the American Legion.

Lt. Governor Gray Davis was the keynote speaker. He vowed to support and never relinquish veterans' benefits, support legislation to protect our flag from those that would desecrate it, and last but not least honored all veterans. A special thanks to V.T.D. officers George Maniscalco, J. J. Leonard, and Jim Leiphardt for their hard work in our hospitality room that ran night and day.

LAPD Support Pins

From the minute we arrived at the convention we were inundated with requests for support pins that were nonexistent. Gail Tam managed to contact our very close and dear friend

Elayne Yochem at the Protective League. After hearing our plight, she came to Pasadena with 100 pins that were begged, borrowed, and stolen. Thanks, Elayne! I'm proud to say that Lt. Governor Gray Davis and retired Marine Medal of Honor winner Col. Jay Vargas wore our support pins during their speech to thousands of Legionnaires. Legionnaires from all parts of our state conveyed support to you officers on the street that are trying to make our communities safe to live in.

Chief Frank Piersol Honored

Chief Piersol attended our convention and was honored at a dinner for his support of our Police Post. Chief Piersol is responsible for making it possible for us to address eligible recruit officers on the merits of joining our American Legion Police Post. We sincerely appreciate the support and friendship that he displays to both our active and retired officers.

Mark Your Calendars

Ole Timers' Night will be held on Monday, November 6, 1995. Festivities will begin at 1800 hours at our regular meeting location, 13553 Reedley Street, Van Nuys. A special dinner and program are planned. Be there or have dinner with the O.J. defense team. *

LAWPOA

by Sgt. Lita Abella
Vice President LAWPOA

LAWPOA's Past Events

President Ann Young and Vice President and League Delegate Lita Abella attended the annual LAPPL conference which was held in Laughlin, Nevada June 1st to June 4th. Both Ann and Lita were invited guests to participate on a panel discussion consisting of the various employee/minority groups. All the employee/minority groups were invited. However, only LAWPOA, La Ley, the Emerald Society, and the Golden State Peace Officers' Association participated. (The President of LEEAP was there but had to leave on a family emergency prior to the class.)

Past Board Director, Officer Barbara Carranza of DHD was one of the two recipients of the Outstanding Delegate of the Year Award for 1994. She devotes 90% of her time to the Department and the various organizations. She is an active member of LAWPOA, one of the hardest working Delegates and a member of the LAPD Honor Guard just to name a few. Congratulations Barbara for a job well done!!

LAPPL is taking a step in the right direction by opening the line of communications among the culturally diverse membership it serves. Approximately 60 percent of the League's membership are minorities. Several issues were discussed and recommendations were made among the panel and the Delegates. The majority of the Delegates agreed that it was time the LAPPL Board of Directors acknowledged that a minority and/or female should be on the board, as well as, an employee under the Article 35 pension.

Additionally, at the LAWPOA Installation and Awards Banquet which was held on June 22nd at the Police Academy, President Cliff Ruff announced that he would ap-

point a female to the Board of Directors. This interim vacancy was created by Director Dave Zeigler, who retired due to medical reasons. The appointment of Officer Mitzi Grasso was announced at the August Delegate's meeting.

There will be one police officer, one detective/sergeant and one lieutenant position available on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in one of these positions, the filing period closes at 1700 hours on Tuesday, September 12, 1995. Contact the LAPPL for additional information, (213) 485-3065.

Councilmember Laura Chick was the keynote speaker and Mayor Riordan and Chief Williams were the guest speakers. The Installation was a great success and many political VIPs and city officials were in attendance.

Your Board of Directors (Lt. Ann Young, Sgt. Lita Abella, Sgt. Stephany Payne and Det. Stephanie Lazarus) volunteered their time and assisted in Judges' Nite, which was held on July 14th, at the Police Academy. Many municipal and superior court judges participated in the shooting exercises and were given demonstrations by element members from SWAT. Department displays of the various entities were set up on the field. It was an enjoyable event to work.

Volunteers Needed

LAWPOA is looking for volunteers to sell t-shirts at the annual LAPPL Raging Waters Picnic which will be held on September 24th. The proceeds from the sales will go to the child care fund. If you are interested, please contact the LAWPOA Hotline at (213) 228-9199.

Remember the monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, at 1700 hours usually at PAB, room 618. Call the LAWPOA hotline to verify the location. *

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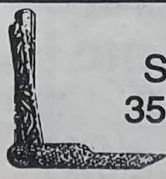
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"What ever Happened to . . ."

by Larry K. Pratt

This month I'm highlighting a retired sergeant from Central Area, known for his poise, articulation, being debonair, but largely for the strange sounds that his body would vent in some of the most embarrassing moments. This can only be Sergeant **Luther "Mac" McCormack**, Serial #10561, appointment: May 1960, retired: January 1986. Assignments: Academy, Newton Division, University (Southwest) Division, CTD, Central Division, West Los Angeles, Central Division, Rampart Division, Central Division (Sgt. 1968).

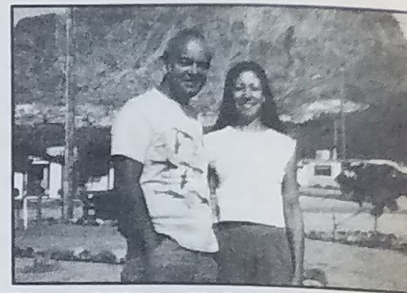
Mac was born and raised in West Virginia. In 1960 he was living here in the L.A. area working for the Carna-

tion Milk Company delivering milk to your homes. One day he read that the LAPD was hiring and giving tests for policeman, and Mac figured what the heck, he had some relatives in law enforcement in West Virginia. So Mac went down and took the test and that was that.

One of Mac's fondest memories was a seasoned officer bringing in a 390 to book and when the officer asked his name the suspect gave the first name of Jack. The rest I must omit for fear of offending anyone and a 1.81 would just ruin my day, especially from someone with no sense of humor. Well the suspect got booked under that name.

In 1972 Mac married his wife Shirley and when he retired in 1986 they moved to Kingman, Arizona. Today Mac enjoys fishing and prospecting with his metal detector. Mac works at the Moose Lodge in Kingman. Get this — he tends bar there. What was that old saying about the fox in the hen house?

Mac says they live about 35 miles from Laughlin, Nevada, and he has to take Shirley there for medical treatment. She has verticis, so they drive to Laughlin so that she can work out the stiffness on the one arm bandits and Mac deducts the mileage from his taxes. Some things never change.

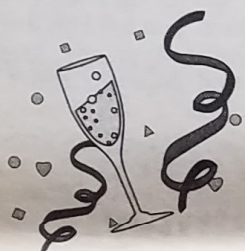


Mac and Shirley McCormack.

Mac says that the only thing he wanted from the job was for everyone to have a good attitude about the job. Do a good job and have fun doing it.

With that Mac, it was fun for the ride along, but it's Code-7 time.

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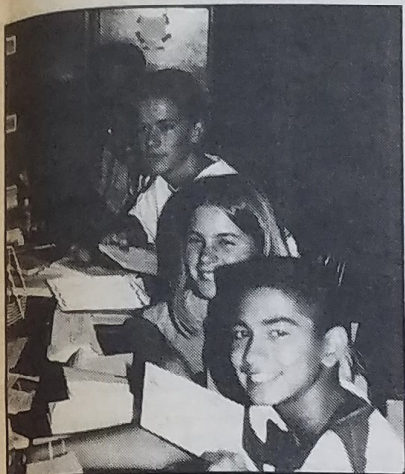
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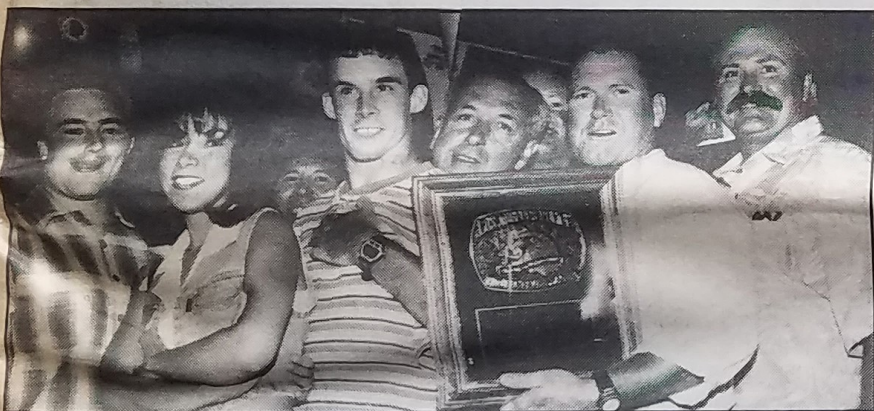
League survey was processed by staff members' children.



League President Cliff Ruff joins retiring Detective Joel Berk and friends at his retirement party.



Sgt. Jerry Powell (center) is joined by Detectives Phil Vannatter and Tom Lang at his retirement party.



League member Matt Mulvihill (second from right) presented the League retirement plaque to retiring motor officer Bill McNeely at Bill's retirement party.



A graffiti vandal ruined another car - this time it was a Mercedes Benz.



Motor officer Richard Keir, second from left, is joined by his new wife and friends at his retirement party.

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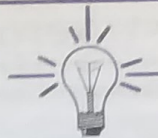
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE

Galanter Honors LAPD Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit

Pictured: Officer Wayne Carson; Sergeant Edward Entwisle; Officer Frank Rood; Officer Cynthia Woods; Councilwoman Ruth Galanter; Captain Sandy Wasson; Steve Wasson; Officer Michael Hagen; Officer Leland Sands.

Councilwoman Ruth Galanter honored members of the Los Angeles Police Department's Hazardous Materials/Environmental

Crimes Unit before the City Council in June. Galanter commended the unit, and the son of Captain Wasson, for their contribution of an Earthday display for the *Eco Expo*, which was designed and constructed at their own expense. The Unit has since donated the display to the City's Recycling & Waste Reduction Division for their educational outreach programs. *



Photo by Chief Petty Officer Brandy Ian.
Police Officer Brian Malneritch,
Hollywood Division

Petty Officer Third Class Brian Malneritch was deployed to Pohang, Korea in July with his Coast Guard Reserve Unit, Port Security Unit 311 based out of Long Beach, Calif. His unit was there to conduct port security exercise Operation Freedom Banner with the U.S. and Korean Navies. Malneritch's job while there was boat crew on the Coast Guard's 22-ft. Raider boats to practice intercepting forces attempting to enter the harbor and to protect the large cargo ships entering it. This was the first time the U.S. Coast Guard has participated in this joint exercise.

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Another Fallen...

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fatally wounded. (Thanks, Mario Mascolo, for the heads up play and for being so alert, not to mention a good shot!) Tragedy was avoided this time, but the nightmare was just beginning for Jerry. Jerry learned from the incident and swore that he would never do another "deal" in a hotel/motel room. He tried to convince anyone who would listen to avoid a similar situation. Soon after that, Jerry found himself working as a cover officer for his good friend, Blackie Sawyer, who was doing a "deal" in a hotel room in Santa Monica in November of 1973. The wire went down, shots were fired, and Jerry kicked the door in. The suspect was still firing and Jerry returned fire, forcing the suspect to hide behind a chair. Two officers from another agency jumped over Jerry into his field of fire and took the suspect into custody. Jerry rushed to Blackie's position and saw that he was seriously wounded. As Jerry held Blackie in his arms, Blackie died from the gunshot wounds that he had received. The trial of the two suspects that were responsible for Blackie's death resulted in a verdict of not guilty. The stage was now set and the demons found their way into Jerry's life and would never let him go.

Jerry left Narcotics sometime after that, promoted to the rank of sergeant, and ultimately was selected to work Metro. As I said earlier, he first worked the Mounted Unit, then moved on to "C" Platoon where I first met him. This was in the early 1980's and the whole division was preparing to gear up for the 1984 Olympics. Jerry and I were selected as two of the sergeants assigned to build and train the Counter Assault Team and that was where our friendship began. Rolling around together in the USC Olympic Village for 12 to 14 hours a watch, night after night, had a tendency to teach you about a man. It did not take me long to realize that this was a man "to cross the river with." I never met a stronger, more dependable man in my life than Jerry Thomas. No man was more dedicated to his people. We were later involved in several incidents that showed his mettle and while some people talk about their so-called accomplishments, Jerry just did it.

After the Olympics, Jerry moved over to the K-9s, another tough assignment in Metro. He soon became a handler and was assigned a dog. He named that dog "Blackie," in honor of his slain friend. Jerry loved animals, particularly "Blackie," because I think they represented everything that was important to him and they possessed the same qualities that Jerry held with reverence. Jerry was a very simple man in a very complex world; he had the deepest respect for loyalty, integrity, friendship, and family. He was a friend who was always there. He never asked for help, but was always the first to offer. "Blackie" was so important in Jerry's life as troubled

times were increasing and his dog was always there for him. Then, almost without warning, "Blackie" was no longer there because of an incurable heart condition. Another major chunk of Jerry's armor was removed. However, the demons were there, ravaging his life, and always reminding of the pain and the losses.

In 1987, the International Association of Chiefs of Police asked me if I could develop a 40-hour course on surveillance operations. After talking to a few people, I decided on what direction the course should go. I asked Jerry if he could do a block on undercover operations with the emphasis on officer safety. He told me that he wasn't much of a teacher, but that he had a couple of ideas. We sat down and with the assistance of Tom Carr (another Narcotics detective and friend of Jerry's), we put that course together and that course is still being taught today. Hundreds and hundreds of officers from around the country (and many from outside the country) have attended that course in the seven years that Jerry and I taught together. Jerry was wrong, he turned out to be one helluva teacher for the simple fact that he had something to say. He had "been there and done that." Jerry and I travelled across this fine country and met so many fine officers and not one of them will ever forget Jerry Thomas. Jerry always did make such an impression on everyone who he came into contact with.

Jerry retired not too long ago and moved up to Montana. He and his lovely wife, Diana, built a beautiful home overlooking that beautiful Bitterroot Valley. He bought some cattle and, with two of the biggest damn dogs you have ever seen, Jerry was going to be a gentleman's rancher. Life was better now and this was the way retirement was supposed to be. You see, Jerry paid more than his fair share of dues and he deserved to sit at the table in the morning, sharing a cup of coffee with Diana, looking out at that incredible view. But the demons followed him and they wouldn't let him go. In the end, the demons won and they killed a good man just the same as if Jerry would have died in that gun battle. Jerry didn't have the funeral accorded an officer killed in the line of duty, but he was entitled to one. The service was small, attended by family members and a few friends. But, I think that was alright by Jerry. He never did like all that attention. The people who meant the most to him were there and those who couldn't make it, he would have understood. Jerry is finally at peace now and the demons are gone. Gone to haunt another unsuspecting soul who, like Jerry, is prepared to give it all for what he believes in.

(The above eulogy was written by Grady Dublin of Metropolitan Division with the help of retired Narcotics detective Michael Murphy, who were honored to call Jerry Thomas a friend.) *

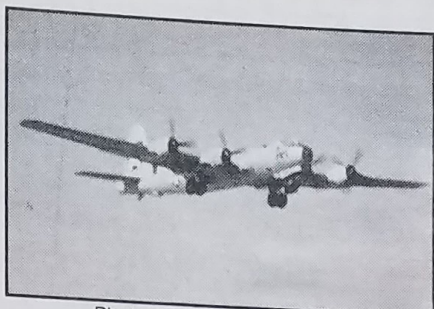
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Northeast Aero Squadron Code-2 To Oshkosh

by Stephen Brown

Anyone remotely interested in aviation knows that every July the Experimental Aircraft Association sponsors the world's largest and best aviation fly-in convention. Held each year at Whittman Field, Oshkosh Wisconsin, thousands of privately owned antique, classic, commercial and warbird aircraft descend on this one-of-a-kind event. Aero squadron members were especially motivated to attend this year's salute to the veterans of World War II and the aircraft they flew. The event's centerpiece — a beautifully restored and the only flying B-29 Superfortress bomber.

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Photos by Gary Fisk and Stephen Brown
Air show centerpiece - The Confederate Air Force's B-29 Superfortress, FiFi. FiFi is the only flying B-29 in the world. This year an attempt was made to recover a derelict B-29 from Greenland, but was destroyed by fire while taxiing for take-off.



Welcome mat for EAA'ers Aviation enthusiasts and of course, the Northeast Aero Squadron. This year's theme - A tribute to the men, women and machines who gave their lives for freedom during World War II. 1995 marks the 50th anniversary for the end of this global conflict.



Douglas Aircraft DC-3 - in this configuration, a military transport C-47... or as it was affectionately called, the "Gooney Bird." In reflection, General Eisenhower cited the DC-3/C-47 as critical to allied victories and the winning of World War II.



Just a small segment of the home built and general aviation aircraft who fly to the EAA Convention each year. It has been estimated that a third of all U.S. general aviation aircraft attends this event.



Aero Squadron members and hangers-on - (L to R) Steve Brown, Josh Beck, Paul Beck, Gary Fisk, Maurice O'Brien, Kevin Coppin, Wayne Wilson, Jack Cudworth, Pat & Joe McNamara, (front) Jim Walker & "Dino" Dionisio. Not pictured (usually late for court too!), Roger Vian, Wayne Hofer & Rick Demartino.



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Getting Your Own Doctor

by Alan B. Marenstein
Attorney at Law

You must control your medical care to protect your job, your health and your future.

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Since your employer has a financial stake in getting you back to work and minimizing treatment expenses, your health considerations are usually not primary in their minds.

Furthermore, under Labor Code Section 4062.9, the opinions of the treating doctor are presumed correct.

Therefore, if the "employer's" treating doctor returns you to work while you are still impaired, you are left with the choice of returning to work and risking further injury, or refusing and risking disciplinary action. This latter could result in a long and uncertain legal battle.

All of the above can be substantially avoided by pre-designating your treating doctor. That is, stating which doctor you want to take care of you, if you should suffer an industrial injury or illness.

There are a few simple rules:

1. You must notify your employer, preferably your Commanding Officer, Personnel Department and medical liaison. A simple letter stating your choice is sufficient.
2. This doctor must have seen you at least once as a patient.
3. It is better not to use an HMO, like Kaiser, since most HMOs also minimize treat-

ment and will usually not write the reports or notes necessary to substantiate disability.

It is not necessary that this doctor be a specialist in the area you may need attention. (If you have selected a chiropractor and you need an internist, the chiropractor is permitted to call in whatever consultants are necessary to treat your condition.)

If you do not pre-designate your doctor, you must then wait at least 30 days.

However, as soon as possible in most cases, it is in your interest to transfer your care to your own chosen physician.

This is, of course, not mandatory, if you have had the good fortune to have an employer selected physician that you trust and are confident in then you should stay under that physician's care.

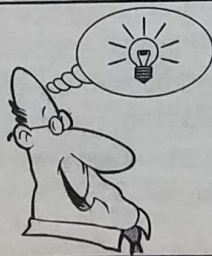
However, in most cases, you will be better off choosing your own doctor.

Care should be taken here because your employer may object to your changing more than once.

Sometimes, a doctor may be found by investigating the matter with family or friends or a physician that you know in another field. Even your child's physician may be a valuable source of advice.

An attorney may be able to help solve some of these problems, but the best protection is protecting yourself with knowledge and the effort of finding a physician to pre-designate as your treating physician in case you need one.

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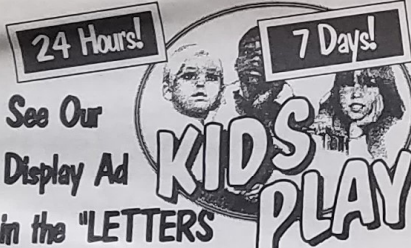
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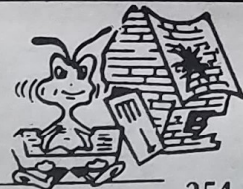
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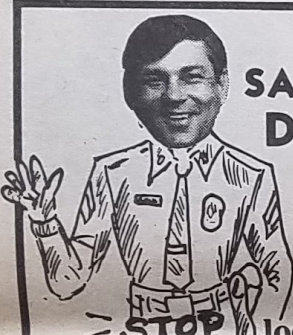
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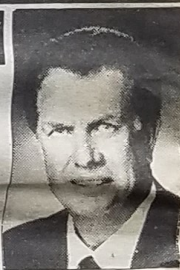
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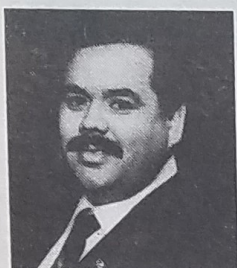
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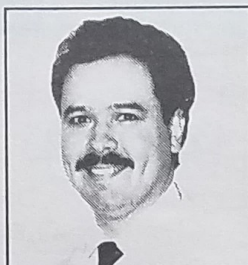
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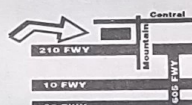
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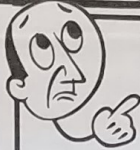
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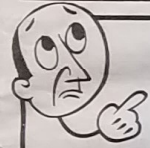
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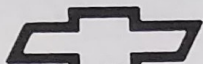
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